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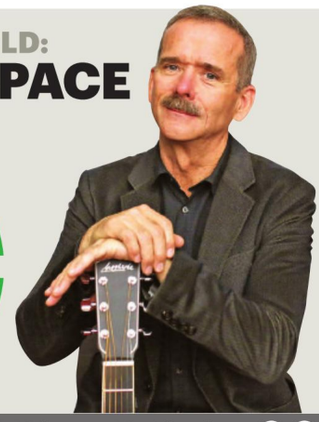

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Canada, UN have serious disconnect

REFUGEE CRISIS

Advocates say Harper's delays are putting lives in more danger

Gilbert Ngabo
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Stephen Harper put lives at risk by requiring an extra level of scrutiny on refugee applications from some of the millions fleeing Syria, advocates say.

"These are people in urgent need of protection," said Ratna Omidvar, executive director of the Global Diversity Exchange program at Ryerson University and a member of Lifeline Syria's steering committee. "This delay is putting people in more danger as opposed to speedily bringing them to Canada.

"That's the part of it that worries me the most."

Immigration Minister Chris Alexander admitted Thursday that refugee applications of Syrians referred by the United Nations were put on hold this spring to allow for an audit of all cases. The audit was needed to ensure the integrity of the referral system, Alexander said.

Canada has pledged to resettle at least 10,000 Syrian refugees by next year, 40 per cent of which will be government sponsored. Halting the application process affected those who had already been identified as highly vulnerable and who had already been screened by the United Nations.

"It does suggest to us that there's a serious disconnect between Canada and the (UN)," Omidvar said about the added layer of review.

Annette Wilde, who is part of a Toronto group that's gathering money for private sponsorship of Syrian refugees, understands the need for thorough screening.

But she questions why the prime minister's office would need to be involved.

"There's no point in holding up the process unless they are planning on firing someone for making the wrong decision," she said.

> **These are people in urgent need of protection.**
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INSIDE THE GAME

How it went down at Rogers Centre as fans gathered for the first game in the big series. Couldn't get tickets? Metro was there.

It begins Tens of thousands of people make their way to the Rogers Centre for a baseball game that carries 22 years of anticipation.

Pregame With no playoff games in Toronto since 1993, the fans are among their loudest when they first get their hands on the rally towels and cheer the raising of the division championship banner.

Bottom of the 4th With two runners on, Jose Bautista grounds a ball to the third baseman. Josh Donaldson's slide at second breaks up a possible double play, but a knee to the head forces an early exit for the MVP candidate.

Bottom of the 5th The Blue Jays are down 4-1 and the crowd has lost some energy — until Kevin Pillar doubles to right field, scoring Russell Martin from second. The rally brings the fans back into the game.

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Bottom of the 9th A stunned crowd watches Russell Martin ground out to the third baseman to end the game. Rally towels are discarded, but 18 hours later fresh ones will await the Game 2 fans to cheer on the Blue Jays once again.

Top of the 7th Rougned Odor was hit by pitches his first two times up. In the seventh inning, he takes revenge on Blue Jays starter David Price with a line-drive home run to right field. Texas goes up by two and Toronto will never get any closer on the day.

Bottom of the 6th With a new pitcher in the game, Bautista smashes a two-strike pitch into the left-centre field bleachers — briefly watching it soar into the screaming crowd before circling the bases.

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Boys in blue making many bird's nests around Toronto

JAYS 2015

Blue Jays fans taking over streets, bars and eateries

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Jays fans alternate between stress and celebration at Nathan Phillips Square, a.k.a. the #birdsnest, as watch they watch game on the big screen. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/FOR METRO

From breweries to bakeries, the entire city is jumping on the Blue Jays bandwagon.

The boys in blue are playing the Texas Rangers again Friday at Rogers Centre, before heading to Dallas on Sunday for Game 3 of their best-of-five series.

Even if you don't have tickets, or a big screen at home, there's plenty of ways to get in on the action.

The city has installed screens in Nathan Phillips Square — affectionately dubbed "the bird's nest" for the duration of the playoffs — so fans can watch and share their civic pride.

"It's an exciting time for Toronto," Mayor John Tory said in an announcement.

"Let's come together and cheer on our Blue Jays."

Drinking in front of city hall isn't exactly legal, so if you prefer your baseball alongside a pint, many of the city's bars are hosting Jays events.

The Dock Ellis on Dundas West — named for the famous pitcher — is offering $5-tall cans of Woodhouse Lager during the game, while Broncos is promising $2 sliders and free shots whenever the Jays score.

Left Field Brewery also screens live games in their tap room. Co-founder Mandie Murphy said Friday is a brew day, meaning Jays fans can watch beer being made in between innings.

"Everyone who works here is a huge baseball nerd," Murphy said. "And we get a crowd here that's really, intensely, in to baseball. They're cheering on every play."

For fans who are also foodies, staff at Sanremo Bakery in Mimico are making special Blue Jays doughnuts — featuring a logo printed by an "edible imaging machine" — for anyone who asks.

"It's about unity for the city," said the bakery's owner, Rob Bozzo. "I think everyone is a Jays fan deep down."

> **Let's come together and cheer on our Blue Jays.**
> Mayor John Tory

MUSIC

Lots of love for an old baseball song

It was written as an homage to baseball and an anthem of sorts for a team that was new and struggling.

More than 30 years later the OK Blue Jays song is a rallying cry being sung from coast to coast as the team begins its quest for a third World Series championship.

Jack Lenz, who co-wrote the song with Tony Kosinec, remembers Blue Jays executive Paul Beeston being excited about the song back in the early 1980s.

"The funniest thing about it was that he said, 'Look, we're an expansion team. We've only been around for a few years. We don't want to promise too much, but we want the song to be fun and be something people can sing along.

"Because we don't want to promise too much, we should just kind of say they're kind of OK,"' Lenz laughed in an interview with The Canadian Press.

"That was how it got started and, of course, it was great that OK rhymed with Blue Jays."

The song was recorded in 1982. That was the year starter Dave Stieb led the league in innings pitched and complete games while winning a club record 17 matchups. But the team finished 78-84, six games below .500 and dead last in the American League East.

There's a reference to the former Jays ace in the song: "Dave's put down a smoker. A strike. And you've got no doubt. You're out!"

Lenz doesn't think most people realize that the "OK Blue Jays" song has several verses that begin by laying out the basics of the game. Most people just know the echoing chorus: "OK! Blue Jays! Let's Play Ball!"

"You know, what song starts with the lyrics 'You've got a diamond. You've got nine men?"' said Lenz.

"It's still funny to me when you think about 'OK, we're going to explain baseball to Canadians.' That was our mission in a sense, was to explain baseball."

It wasn't all bleak for the franchise in the years ahead. The Jays made the playoffs three years later and won the first of back-to-back World Series in 1992.

Musician Keith Hampshire, who recorded the song, said it's a wonderful feeling to see the Blue Jays doing well.

He said he still gets to the ballpark a couple of times a year with his grandson. OK Blue Jays is still played during the seventh inning stretch.

"He turns around and looks at me and he says, 'Is that you poppa?' And I say, 'Yeah, that's me."'

It's great to hear fans still singing along, Hampshire added.

"Would've thought all those many, many years ago ... that the song would last this long and be the Blue Jays anthem? Even though the wording in it is dated, still the fans love the song. It was a great song."

It's a simple, fun melody, said Lenz. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jack Lenz, who wrote the Toronto Blue Jays song, titled OK Blue Jays, poses for a photo holding a vinyl of the single on Oct. 7 in Toronto. MARTA IWANEK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SING ALONG

It's a beautiful evening, fans.
At the ballpark, when the game starts.
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OK, OK Blue Jays, Blue Jays!
Let's, Let's Play, Play Ball!
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Let's, Let's Play, Play Ball!

BlueJays SUPERFANS

Luis Rojas

FANS SINCE: 1993
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Jose Bautista
MOST ENJOY: Dancing around in costume

Rojas came to Canada just before the Jays won the 1993 World Series, and he's been a fan ever since. He made his Jays costume out of several store-bought items, and wore it for the first time at the Jays' last home stand of the regular season, against Tampa Bay.

> **"People have been chuckling, they've been laughing, they've been all, 'You look awesome, dude!'"**

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HEARINGS

Province looks to close gender wage gap

Ontario's Liberal government will hold hearings across the province to get feedback on ways to close the wage gap between men and women.

Nearly 30 years after Ontario passed legislation requiring "equal pay for work of equal value," women still earn between 12 and 31 per cent less then men.

The wage gap is even more pronounced for aboriginal women, visible minorities and those with disabilities.

> **It's the right thing to do.**
> Kevin Flynn

"The sad fact is women on average in Ontario do not earn as much as men, and that needs to change," Labour Minister Kevin Flynn told the legislature.

A government committee will conduct consultations in 12 communities to examine the roles of women at work to better understand how the wage gap affects them in different sectors.

"The consultations are going to examine ways that government, business, labour, other organizations and even individuals can work together to identify opportunities, remove the barriers and close that gender wage gap," said Flynn. "It's going to examine the role of women at work, in their families, in their communities, and how this impacts on the gap."

The committee will look for ways to address systemic barriers that contribute to the gap in pay levels, added Flynn.

"We need to … eliminate the inequity for women in the workforce," he said. "It's the right thing to do."

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Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans' refusal to suspend the use of carding has prompted Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie to ask for a review of hiring practices. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Peel police fall short

HIRING PRACTICES

Force doesn't reflect diverse community, data shows

The racial makeup of the Peel police force does not reflect the diverse community it serves, data obtained by Torstar News Service shows.

Statistics provided in August by Peel police show that 13 per cent of the force's 1,961 uniform officers were "racialized persons" (visible minorities) in 2010.

Data provided by Peel police on Oct. 7 which includes 2015 hirings, shows that nine out of 58 senior officers, or 15.5 per cent, are visible minorities. In 2010, that number was 5 per cent. More recent numbers for all uniform staff were not provided.

Census data from 2011 shows that 60 per cent of Brampton and Mississauga residents were visible minorities. The Ontario Police Services Act says forces should be "representative of the communities they serve."

By comparison, on Toronto's police force, visible minorities make up 24 per cent of all uniformed officers. In 2011 visible minorities made up 49 per cent of the city's population.

Critics say a lack of diversity within a police force can lead to problems such as racial bias; the Peel force has been criticized for its use of street checks, also known as carding, a practice that involves officers stopping citizens and storing their details in a police database. Toronto police have also been condemned over carding, and a provincewide review is looking at the practice. In both municipalities, blacks are carded more often than whites.

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie sits on Peel's police services board. Three weeks ago, she demanded that Chief Jennifer Evans suspend the force's use of carding. The chief refused.

Crombie has now asked for a comprehensive review of the force's hiring and promoting practices.

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Conservatives silent on Rouge Park

ELECTION 2015

Other parties want stronger protections, survey shows

Luke Simcoe
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Three of Canada's four major political parties are promising to enlarge and protect Toronto's first — and only — national park if they're elected.

Despite weeks of squabbling on the campaign trail, politicians in the eastern GTA appear united in their appreciation of Rouge Park and the surrounding watershed.

Well, except for the Conservatives. No one really knows where they stand.

Earlier this week, Friends of the Rouge Watershed released the results of a survey sent to candidates in 16 GTA ridings asking about their plans for Rouge Park. Liberal, Green and NDP candidates were nearly unanimous in their desire to increase the size of the park and enhance its environmental protections.

"It's encouraging that so many candidates and three of the four parties support making ecological integrity a priority in the park's management plan," said Jim Robb, general manager of the Friends of the Rouge Watershed.

However, all 16 Conservative candidates surveyed, including high-profile MPs like Paul Calandra and Chris Alexander, did not respond.

"I'm not entirely surprised," said Robb. "But we were hoping local Conservative candidates would stick up for the interests of the eastern GTA."

The Tories have been at loggerheads with the province over the park's future since last year, after Queen's Park refused to turn over the land necessary to expand the park unless stronger environmental rules are put in place. The federal government has insisted its Rouge National Urban Park Act already affords the park its "strongest ever" protection.

Robb said the protections being offered by the Conservatives are too vague, and could leave the park vulnerable to exploitation.

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SCARBOROUGH

Sidewalk OK'd despite residents' opposition

Pedestrian advocates are claiming victory after the city's public works committee voted unanimously to install a sidewalk along a small stretch of Midland Avenue in Scarborough.

The move — which is in accordance with city policies — had been opposed by residents, but they failed to convince city officials the project should be scrapped.

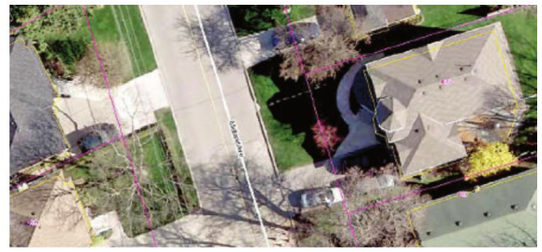
"We're disappointed," said Dana McCabe, one of those fighting the sidewalk. "The city didn't ask us ... and didn't give us enough time to dispute it."

Walk Toronto co-founder Michael Black had warned that acquiescing to homeowners could make it harder to install pedestrian infrastructure in the future.

McCabe and her neighbours are concerned additional runoff caused by the sidewalk will erode the portion of the Scarborough Bluffs adjacent to their homes.

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority has said the environmental impact of the sidewalk will be marginal.

"They're clearly genuine in their fears, but I don't think the odd flooding of water along Midland will destabilize the bluffs," Black said. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO



A satellite image of Midland Avenue in Scarborough, showing where residents' properties end and the city-owned boulevard begins. Residents were concerned installation of a sidewalk would lead to erosion of the bluffs. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Pedestrian killed after hit by car in Mississauga
A woman is dead after she was struck by a vehicle during the Mississauga morning rush.

According to police, the woman was pinned beneath the vehicle after she was struck near Seneca Ave. and Lakeshore Rd. at about 7 a.m. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three seriously injured in two-car crash
Three people have been taken to a trauma centre in serious condition after a two-car crash in Toronto's northwest end Wednesday night.

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Ishaq: Tories' plan is 'anti-Canadian'

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Harper using case to distract voters, says niqab advocate

Zunera Ishaq has been cleared by the courts to take the Canadian citizenship oath wearing her niqab.
CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

When Zunera Ishaq decided to challenge Ottawa's 2011 decision to ban the niqab while taking the oath of citizenship, she never thought she'd be at the centre of a political firestorm.

Ishaq believes the edict is motivated by the Conservative party's desire to get Canadians to ignore important issues such as the economy and refugee policy during the federal election campaign.

Indeed, her fight for the right and the right of others to wear the niqab while taking the citizenship oath has become one of the most contentious issues in the campaign, which has seen the Conservatives recently promise new initiatives against the niqab if they are re-elected.

Earlier this week Conservative Leader Stephen Harper said his party plans to ban federal civil servants from wearing niqabs. He says that the party is examining Quebec's Bill 94, which requires Muslim women or others who wear face coverings to remove them if they want to work in the public sector or do business with government officials.

That move came on the heels of a failed last-ditch effort by the Conservatives to overturn the Federal Court of Appeal decision in Ishaq's case. That court had ruled the government policy banning the wearing of a niqab — which covers a woman's face and hair leaving only her eyes visible — during citizenship ceremonies is illegal. Ottawa tried to get that ruling stayed, but the courts rejected the move, leaving the door open for Ishaq to finally take her citizenship oath.

"I was not expecting that it would become such a critical issue for a political campaign," Ishaq told Torstar News Service Thursday. "It started as a personal right issue. I would not have imagined that this could be taken to the point which it could be messed up with politics.... It has become an issue which has separated Canadian society."

Ishaq will be taking her citizenship oath sometime in the next few days and will vote on Oct. 19, said the Mississauga resident.

"I want to go cast my vote in the election and have a direct say in the system." Her eyes — the only part of her face that is visible — reveal the deep emotion she feels about finally winning the right to become a citizen and vote on her own terms.

That right to vote comes with a hefty emotional price tag. The 29-year-old mother of four and a former teacher of English literature in Pakistan feels she has been vilified in recent weeks. She feels threatened by the Conservative government and Harper. People have stopped her in the mall and called her names. On one occasion, her seven-year-old son witnessed the name-calling. Now he wants to know how the Conservative government can be defeated, she explains. Her husband's family has also fallen prey to name-calling and hostile stares.

Ishaq began wearing the niqab when she was 15. Her parents in Pakistan didn't approve of her decision — but she was determined. To her it was a symbol of her faith and her religion — a statement that she was a devout Muslim. She continued to wear the niqab when she moved to Canada in 2008, after she was sponsored by her husband. And when it came to taking her citizenship oath in 2012 she was equally adamant that she would wear her niqab.

Her husband thought perhaps she should make some kind of accommodation in taking her oath. But Ishaq didn't believe that was the right thing to do. She chose to fight it in court — an expensive battle that was taken on, for the most part, pro bono by her lawyers.

For her, it was a matter of principle — protecting the right of women to choose. And she rejects the rhetoric used by the Conservatives that the niqab somehow oppresses Muslim women and is a symbol of their inequality.

The battle with Ottawa has left her with a somewhat tarnished vision of Canada. But it has also inspired her to one day seek political office.

"Muslims are being singled out and put into a situation where people are feeling negative and some hatred for them," she said. She wants to change that and return Canada to a place that values multiculturalism and diversity — the kind of Canada she imagined she was adopting as her homeland when she first moved here. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"This is Canada to me, a very unique country in its nature, where I can live according to my belief and faith and there will be no danger.

"The government is trying to divert the attention of people from real issues of the political campaign by using the issue of the niqab.

"I would say I love this country. I respect the values of Canada which all Canadians are proud of. But what the government is doing is anti-Canadian values.

— all quotes from interview with Zunera Ishaq

Body Confidence Award winner Alicia Vianga, left, is the founder of After Breast Cancer, a charity that provides free prostheses to breast cancer survivors. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

Cancer survivors get a major boost

BODY CONFIDENCE

Charity helps pay for breast prostheses

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Alicia Vianga saw a need and decided to fill it.

Too many breast cancer survivors were coming to her lingerie boutique on St. Clair West for breast prostheses but couldn't afford the high cost.

"The women who had insurance walked away feeling beautiful, confident, and the ones who did not have insurance and not enough money walked away feeling sad and down," she said. "I've seen women with socks stuffed in their bras, or tissues stuffed in their bras.

"I've seen women who are eight, 10 years in as a survivor and have never known what it is to have a prosthesis because they can't afford it."

So Vianga started a charity called After Breast Cancer to raise money that goes toward free prostheses.

For that, she was honoured at this week's Body Confidence Awards in Toronto. The awards, in their third year, honour champions of body confidence, body positivity and body diversity.

The prostheses are all about confidence, especially for the women who told Vianga their homemade solutions of socks or tissues were contributing to the difficulties they were experiencing re-engaging with their social lives after cancer.

A single breast prosthesis costs about $500, plus the cost of special bras. The government will reimburse about $195 — but women are often struggling with medication costs at the same time.

Vianga was nominated for the award by Lynn Manwar, who passed away from breast cancer just three days before the award gala.

"This is her," Vianga said, crying as she showed a picture of Lynn in a breast cancer fundraising calendar. "This is more important to me than anything else."

THE AWARDS

The Body Confidence Awards are run by Jill Andrew and Aisha Fairclough, who blog at fatinthecity.com. They honour Canadians "actively fighting against stereotypes, judgments, policies, and discrimination that attempt to label and discredit marginalized bodies."

FASHION

Stylish looks catering to curvy

In the mid-to-late 1990s, Simone Denny's band, Love Inc., had managed to put four singles on top of the Canadian dance charts.

But for Denny, something as simple as buying clothes remained a challenge.

Heroin chic was in.

"There wasn't a lot of plus-size curvy girl fashion at that time," she said. "We'd have photo shoots and it would be, 'Umm, that's not my style. That's more for a size two. I'm a thicker girl, I have thighs.'"

Denny haunted vintage stores looking for plus-size raver duds on her own.

She donned tracksuits and aviator goggles for You're a Superstar and a puffy vest and jacket for Broken Bones — not typical pop star attire.

Simone Denny. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Today, a lot has changed.

Plus-size fashion bloggers and curvy girls on Instagram have formed a community where compliments are copious and inspiration flows.

"I think we're going to get to the point where we have size 2 to 24 or 26," she said. "I'll be able walk into a store, and just buy it."

Denny, who performed at the Body Confidence Awards, is preparing to release her debut solo album, the R&B and soul-inspired Stereo Dynamite Sessions.

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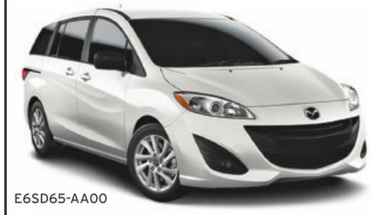

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Liberals vow billions for SmartTrack

GO TRAIN

Mayor now says he has pledges from three parties

Mayor John Tory is welcoming the commitment of $2.6 billion in SmartTrack funding from federal Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

The Liberal campaign pledge made in Woodbridge on Thursday, includes an additional $2 billion toward electrifying the GO train system.

The Trudeau announcement is confirmation that SmartTrack will go ahead, the mayor said in a statement.

"We now have express commitments to fund SmartTrack from both Mr. Trudeau and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government. NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has also committed to creating a transit fund that could fund the federal investment in SmartTrack," Tory said.

Justin Trudeau in Vaughan. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Liberal money would be part of the party's commitment to spend about $20 billion more on transit as part of an overall $60 billion infrastructure investment over 10 years.

"GO is a vital service for folks here. For many, travelling across the region would be impossible without GO trains. GO train service means you can get to work every morning and back home for dinner at the end of the long day," Trudeau said in a campaign appearance in Vaughan. "That means if you live in Milton, you can get to an afternoon Jays game. If you live downtown you can visit your family in Whitby for Thanksgiving."

Promising to build a partnership with Toronto if elected, Trudeau took shots at what he called the "under investment" in infrastructure by the Conservative government under Harper. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kids Help Phone counsellor Joe will be among those working with the new BroTalk service. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

MENTAL HEALTH

There's online help for troubled boys

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A new online chat zone has a hefty goal — to decrease suicide rates among teenage boys.

Kids Help Phone launched BroTalk on Thursday in an attempt to make it more comfortable for young boys to reach out and talk about their feelings.

"Boys are not coming to us as much as we would anticipate," said Alisa Simon, vice president of counselling services for the Toronto-based program. "Yet they are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviours."

BroTalk is designed to make teen boys feel at ease. It's a live, interactive chat zone, manned by young male counsellors. It is meant to help kids find solutions to problems before they turn into health crises.

"We found out these young boys do not want to be forced to say the words," said Simon. "Typing out those words actually breaks down a lot of barriers."

Nearly 80 per cent of people who contact Kids Help Phone are female, a number similar to those reported by other help lines around the world, she said.

Social studies show suicide rates among young males in Canada are four times higher than rates among females, Simon said. Meanwhile, less than 20 per cent of suicide-related calls fielded by the help line are from teen boys.

Simon said many factors contribute to young boys not opening up about their emotional issues, including stigma, embarrassment and traditional images of masculinity.

Words such as help, counselling and mental health "don't necessarily resonate with guys," she said.

"It's important that young boys understand that counsellors are on their side and just want to have a conversation," she said.

REACHING OUT

Special line targets post-secondary students

BroTalk marks the second effort by Kids Help Phone to reach out to a targeted group.

A couple of years ago they launched GoodToTalk, a special line for post-secondary students in Ontario. It has been "tremendously successful" as a front door for students to talk about mental health issues, Alisa Simon said. METRO

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VOTER PROFILE

Name: Ginny Movat **Age:** 25 **Riding:** Ottawa-Vanier
Her issues: lower taxes, tough-on-crime measures

Most 'sympathetic' to Harper's ideas

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD in Ottawa

"Prime Ministers only last so long, but I think (Stephen Harper) has a lot left in him and a lot left he can do for the country."

Ginny Movat, 25, is the opposite of an undecided voter. She's only known a Harper-led Canada, and that, she says, is a good thing.

The Conservative-minded consultant and lobbyist says she believes that many Canadians will vote with her on Oct. 19.

"We represent a wide cross-section of views," she says. "I think, in elections, the strongest voices are people who carry a lot of power in this country in the urban centres, in the media, and they are not necessarily in touch with what the average Canadian is feeling."

The average Canadian, she says, is "sympathetic to Stephen Harper's message."

Movat remembers watching the right coalesce into a single party. She later found her political footing debating university classmates who stood to her left.

She favours low taxes: "The idea that the government understands I can probably do better with my own money than they can."

She appreciates Harper's foreign policy: "Canada had a go-along-to-get-along approach, and we were this meek country that had no influence on the world stage," she says. "In the last 10 years, we've asserted ourselves and decided to stand up for what's right, funded maternal and child health care, opposed homophobic laws in Africa, fought for good free-trade deals, and Harper will stand up to Putin and Russia."

Movat also likes tough-on-crime measures and a vision of Canadian society that's pluralistic but draws a certain line in the sand: "I think there's a healthy balance between having a clear set of principles and within that framework allowing for all sorts of different cultures, ethnicities and orientations."

So, on wearing the niqab at citizenship ceremonies, Movat approves of the Conservatives' approach, arguing Canada should be "as reasonably accommodating of other cultural practices as we can" but draw the line "when it comes to basic things like gender equality." But she's also wary of outright bans, including Harper's suggestion niqabs be banned from public-sector workspaces.

Movat also rejects the idea that Stephen Harper is fanning any flames of Islamophobia in this campaign.

"A candidate I've got to know in Ottawa is a Muslim of Somalian descent, and he's chosen to run for the Conservatives," she notes. "He was in law enforcement, he has a young family, he has all these reasons why he supports the Conservatives, and it has nothing to do with his ethnicity or religion."

With the NDP falling in polls, Movat says she's "very concerned" about a country under Justin Trudeau. She worries his leadership will resemble that of the Ontario Liberals, which she described as a "wilful disregard for what things cost, a view that you can bring in whatever ill-thought-out program you want to, have it cost billions of dollars, and when you run out of money, put it on the government's tab, and when you need to, introduce a new tax."

Rosemary Westwood has been travelling across the country talking to young voters. This concludes the series.

Missing women not on the radar

Issue eclipsed by refugees and niqab debate on campaign trail

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Toni Letendre wants to support indigenous families who are seeking justice but also wants to push for action rather than just more studies and more words.

It's a difficult position to reconcile during the ongoing federal election campaign.

Letendre, who helped organize a recent rally for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Edmonton, said she's of two minds on an inquiry into the tragic Canadian reality — which has been discussed in the election campaign, though never front-and-centre in the way that refugees and niqabs have.

"I support whatever families want, and some of them want an inquiry, so I support that," explained Letendre, who's from the Alexis Nakota Sioux nation.

But, she added, "I feel that we don't need one."

That stance sets her apart from those of the NDP and Liberals, both parties having called for an inquiry. Nor is she aligned with Stephen Harper, who has argued a national inquiry isn't needed.

For Letendre, it's more complicated and nuanced than all that.

"I think an inquiry could possibly help identify what needs to be done, but it's that part, where we collect those recommendations and nothing is being done (that's the problem)," she said. "There's no action going forward. We have recommendations through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and what's being done about it?"

What needs to happen? Dollars need to be given to groups such as women's shelters and domestic-violence programs, she said, as well as to education.

The term "missing and murdered indigenous women" entered Canada's lexicon thanks in part to an inquiry asking how Robert Pickton could kill so many indigenous women in the 1990s despite having been identified as a "person of interest" in police files.

The finding: systemic racial bias and devaluing of indigenous women was to blame.

Since then, the nomenclature has been linked to an estimated 1,200 missing indigenous women across the country.

The Conservative government has contended that, because 40 studies on violence toward indigenous women have been conducted since 1994, the issue has already been studied.

That's in addition to 1996's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, which studied several root causes of racism towards indigenous peoples, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recent report.

Canada can learn from these reports and studies, Letendre said, and, rather than researching the issue yet again, can now act to change it.

But, again, she's torn — as she realizes hundreds of families across Canada need a sense of closure and justice, as well as action.

"It should be grounded in the families," Letendre said of Canada's response.

"What they want, what they need … how do we prevent other indigenous women and girls from experiencing violence and these tragic deaths? There's so many ways that you could do that."

Getting people to care is the biggest hurdle, she said.

"People don't think it's important enough. That's the problem. Not just indigenous people need to stand up and say, 'This is important and we need to do something about it.'"

> **There's no action going forward. We have recommendations … and what's being done about it?**
> Toni Letendre

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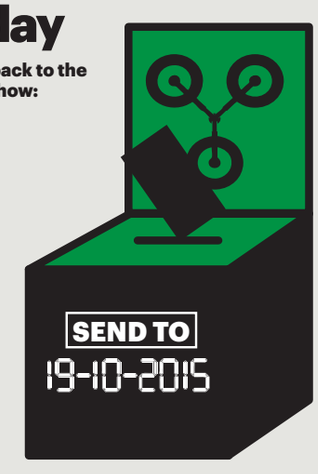

PM barred Syrians: Report

ELECTION 2015

Paper says Harper's office meddled with applications

The issue of Syrian refugees exploded back on the election campaign Thursday following a report that the Conservatives delayed the intake of vulnerable refugees from war-torn Syria in the spring and the prime minister's office got directly involved in processing immigration files.

The Globe and Mail reported Thursday that the Prime Minister's Office intervened in the processing of Syrian refugees and declared that all applicants referred by the United Nations would require Harper's approval. The file is normally handled by Citizenship and Immigration officials.

But staff in Stephen Harper's office got personally involved in vetting applications, the newspaper reported.

Later Thursday, Harper denied the charge that his office was directly involved in the selection of refugees who would be admitted to Canada.

Stephen Harper addresses a gathering during an election campaign stop. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Political staff are never involved in approving refugee applications. Such decisions are made by officials in the department of citizenship and immigration," Harper said at the start of a speech to a Vancouver-area audience.

The newspaper also reported that the intake of Syrian refugees was paused as the government did an audit of the initial batch of refugees accepted into the country. Harper confirmed his office asked for an audit to confirm the government's goals were being met.

"Our government has adopted a generous approach to the admission of refugees while ensuring the selection of the most vulnerable people and keeping our country safe and secure," Harper said.

Still, suggestions that Harper's office was involved in the refugee process sparked an angry reaction from his political rivals on the campaign trail.

"We learned this morning that Mr. Harper personally interfered in order to prevent the arrival of Syrian refugees," Mulcair said.

"That is abject behaviour on the part of a Canadian prime minister. It is a shame on Canada, and Stephen Harper should apologize," the NDP leader said in Toronto.

Mulcair accused Harper of hypocrisy, noting how the Conservative leader spoke with emotion earlier in the campaign about the death of Alan Kurdi, a three-year-old Syrian boy, who drowned with his brother and mother as his family joined other migrants in sailing to Greece from Turkey. They had aspirations of settling in Canada.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau said the revelations were further proof of Harper's meddling and said it was another reason to toss the Conservatives out of government.

"We've known for quite some time how this government chooses to act irresponsibly and is constantly meddling," Trudeau said in Vaughan. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY

- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Montreal.
- The itineraries for Stephen Harper, Justin Trudeau and Elizabeth May were unavailable.

REHTAEH PARSONS

'Human error' to blame in suicide

A review into how the police and Crown handled Rehtaeh Parsons' case reveals errors from start to finish, but the author and government say this is "not going to happen again."

On Thursday, Murray Segal released his 145-page review with 17 recommendations and comments on how Halifax Regional Police and RCMP integrated units made errors in the case and no action was taken on the cyberbullying Parsons encountered.

"The justice system is not a perfect platform for providing satisfaction to anyone," Segal told reporters.

Parsons died after attempting suicide in April 2013 following months of cyberbullying related to an explicit photo showing Parsons vomiting out a window as a boy gives a thumbs-up.

Provincial and federal laws have since come in that better address the problem, Segal said.

"It's human error. It's not an error of sloth or agenda," Segal said. HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

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Airman stabbed in brawl

Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, celebrated as a hero for helping to stop a terror attack on a French train over the summer, was stabbed and seriously wounded outside a bar in his hometown of Sacramento, Calif., early Thursday in what police said was an alcohol-related brawl.

Stone, 23, was knifed repeatedly in the upper body but was expected to survive, authorities said. He was taken to UC Davis Medical Center.

"This incident is not related to terrorism in any way," Deputy Police Chief Ken Bernard said. "We know it's not related to what occurred in France months ago."

A grainy surveillance video from a camera outside a liquor store showed a man who appeared to be Stone fighting with several people at an intersection.

Police said two assailants fled in a car. Bernard said there was no evidence the assailants knew who Stone was.

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Stay calm: Israeli PM

VIOLENCE

Rising unrest and attacks by Palestinians raising fears

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to calm Israelis Thursday as a wave of Palestinian stabbing attacks spread deeper into Israel and clashes erupted across the West Bank, vowing to combat the growing violence without alienating international allies.

Netanyahu has come under fire from hard-liners within his own governing coalition as well as opposition lawmakers for not putting an end to the surging violence, which erupted weeks ago over tensions surrounding a Jerusalem site revered by Muslims and Jews.

The unrest began with clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli police within the Jerusalem hilltop compound. But in recent days the violence has intensified and a series of attacks by Palestinians, carried out mainly by young people with no known links to armed groups, has shocked Israelis and raised fears of a new uprising.

A masked Palestinian protester stands amid smoke from burning tires during clashes with Israeli troops near Ramallah, West Bank, on Thursday. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Israelis are acting with bravery, courage, restraint and determination to neutralize and kill the terrorists in the act," Netanyahu told reporters at a press conference.

"With persistence, systematically and with determination, we will prove that terror doesn't pay."

Israelis around the country have watched warily in recent days as the violence spread away from Jerusalem and the West Bank and deep into Israel. The violence continued Thursday, with four separate stabbing attacks that wounded several Israelis.

Four Israelis have been killed in attacks over the past week. Seven Palestinians, including four alleged attackers, have been killed in the unrest.

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U.S. ELECTION

Murdoch says sorry for tweet

Rupert Murdoch, who founded the News Corp. media empire that includes Fox News Channel, apologized on Thursday for a Twitter message suggesting that U.S. President Barack Obama isn't a "real black president."

Murdoch praised Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson and his wife as terrific in a tweet Wednesday, adding, "What about a real black president who can properly address the racial divide?"

In a separate message, he encouraged people to read a magazine article about disappointment among black people about the president.

Following a backlash, Murdoch tweeted Thursday: "Apologies! No offence meant. Personally find both men charming."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said he didn't know whether Obama was aware of the tweet.

Carson, interviewed on CNN, said he considered the controversy "much ado about nothing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Consumers urged to match perks offered to actual needs

Air Miles, Aeroplan points, low-interest, no-fee — the options available on credit cards are dizzying for consumers looking to compare their options when shopping around.

When looking for a credit card, experts say consumers should start with an honest assessment of what they need and what they will use.

Those who think they might routinely carry a balance may want to focus on low-interest-rate cards rather than those that offer rewards, because interest charges can quickly outweigh any benefits a rewards card might bring, especially if you only pay the minimum required.

But for those who pay off their balances every month, the choices are abundant.

Sean Gibson, a branch manager at the Royal Bank in Ottawa, says how you plan to use your credit card will drive your choice. "If you're paying a monthly fee on a card, you better get the value out of it," he says.

If you don't travel much, then travel rewards might not be much use to you, while cash back or points redeemable for groceries could very well be.

Travel insurance — including rental-car coverage — can be an option, too, but cards that offer that usually charge an annual fee, something you will have to weigh against any potential benefits.

Gibson says you should consider just how much you'll need to spend to accumulate enough points to be useful to you and whether that's realistic. "Some people will say, 'Put everything on your credit card and pay it off at the end of the month,' but that requires a discipline that not everyone has," he said.

Gibson says people should also be careful about just how many credit cards they accumulate because they have an impact on credit profile even if you don't use them and they just sit in a desk drawer.

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Consumers should cancel credit cards they don't use because even unused cards impact a credit profile, says Sean Gibson, a Royal Bank branch manager.

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IN BRIEF

Highchairs recalled after reports of kids falling off

About 35,000 Safety 1st highchairs are being recalled following reports that children were able to remove the tray and fall off causing chipped teeth, cuts and bruises.

The highchairs were sold at Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores and its websites between May 2013 and May 2015. They were also sold online at Amazon.com and Walmart.com. The wooden highchairs are black and have a black and white printed seat pad.

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GM to fix windshield wipers on 32,000 SUVs

General Motors is telling owners of some SUVs not to use their windshield wipers because an electrical short could cause the wiper motor to catch fire.

The company is recalling nearly 32,000 Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia SUVs from the 2016 model to fix the problem. Only 6,400 were sold and the rest are being held at dealerships until they are repaired.

GM says if weather stops owners from taking their SUVs to dealers, it will pick up the vehicles for service. It also will arrange rental cars if parts aren't available.

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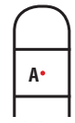

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THE BIG THING: CUTTING THE CORD

It hasn't been a good week for the boob tube. First Netflix upped its monthly subscription fee, indicating that the streaming-video provider expects demand to hold and more people to reallocate their entertainment budgets from old-school television to on-demand alternatives. Then Thursday's leaders' debate was cancelled, making this federal election the first in more than half a century without one on major broadcast networks — an idea that would have been unthinkable even a few years ago. Does this mean Canadians are turning off the tube for good?

1 **Missing the show** Though gathering around a large screen in the living room may soon be a thing of the past (it's more likely everyone will sit on the couch staring at their individual devices), the broadcast audience is still far bigger than any one web video can command. During the 2011 federal election, 10.6 million Canadians tuned in to the English leaders' debate. None of this year's mishmash of debates ran on the largest networks — public or private — though in some cases the video was offered for free. The Maclean's magazine debate, offered on Rogers stations, had 3.8 million TV viewers. The rest attracted fewer than two million each. That doesn't count the large online audience, but it does mean many people were left out, such as the less-than-tech-savvy and those who lack an Internet-enabled device.

2 **Seeing static** A survey of 8,000 Canadians released earlier this year found 16 per cent don't pay for any TV service, compared to 12 per cent in 2012. Experts speculate that the trend might level off when 'pick-and-pay' becomes the law of the land in December 2016 and customers no longer have to pay for packages with channels they don't wish to watch.

3 **On different wavelengths** TV habits differ sharply along language lines, with 23 per cent of anglophones reporting that they plan to eventually toss the TV, compared to just 16 per cent of francophones.

Freer trade and the TPP will benefit Canadians

Ian J. Irvine
For Metro

After years of negotiations, 12 Pacific Rim countries, including Canada, have reached a tentative trade deal. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) covers 40 per cent of the global economy. But is it a good deal? Is it even a good idea to trade more openly with other nations?

The second, more general question is easier to answer than the specific one. And the answer is a resounding "yes." Indeed, the benefits of trade come in several forms.

First, there are the benefits of comparative advantage. Canada should export grains and import coffee beans, rather than grow coffee beans in Canadian greenhouses and have other, water-deprived countries try to grow grains.

There are benefits related to a larger scale of operation. In the 1960s, the Canadian Auto Pact permitted manufacturers to ship their vehicles tax-free across the border. This meant that only some of a manufacturer's models were assembled in Canada and some in the U.S., according to their specialties. As a rule, specialization increases efficiency.

Third, we benefit from the diffusion of knowledge. With freer trade, we can get the benefits of research and development undertaken abroad, and new production processes developed in the countries we trade with.

Back in the day, some political parties objected to parts of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Looking back, though, no political party would want Canada to revert to its pre-NAFTA trading status. This pact encouraged imports and exports, improved average living standards and resulted in a more efficient economy for all three countries.

As for the TPP, the text of the full agreement has not yet been revealed, so it's more difficult to evaluate. One major objection has been a worry about the distribution of gains — that there might be benefits for corporations but not workers. For example, there are concerns that drugs might get more expensive as a result of longer patents and that international corporations would be allowed to sue governments for infringing on their trading "rights." But if what we're currently hearing is true, the agreement will not be so stacked in favour of capital.

A focal point of concern in Canada has been agriculture — particularly the dairy sector, which is heavily protected. Costs have been driven up by government-created milk and cheese quotas.

These policies benefit farmers, most of them quite large businesses, at the expense of consumers, who must pay higher prices. To make matters worse, higher prices hit low-income households hardest, as they spend a larger share of their incomes on food.

But if concern for farmers is the issue, then critics can rest easy, as the government promises to compensate them for losses related to the deal. And let's not forget about exports. Canada will gain from improved access to markets that are currently protected — Japan in particular — by increasing its exports of grains, meats and commodities.

It's true not every sector of every economy participating in a trade deal can benefit. But on balance, trade deals are not zero-sum games; they are positive-sum, which means all the participating countries, and the large majority of their citizens, should benefit from freer trade.

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Chris Hadfield's star power is losing its shine

Chris Hadfield's gotta be running for something.

It's not prime minister (yet), but it might just be Canada's eternal Space Dad. Why else am I seeing his face plastered across Toronto streetcars? Why else does he give more interviews than Stephen Harper on the campaign trail? Why else does he play music wherever he goes (any politician's "I'm a regular guy" move)?

You know what astronaut you don't have two-to-one odds of seeing on Breakfast Television? Most of them. You know who I don't need to watch making pizza? Chris Hadfield. Other mega-space stars like Neil deGrasse Tyson don't give the BBC's travel page "globe-trotting" interviews. And no, Tyson hasn't guest-edited Canadian Living.

This month, Hadfield is hosting a star-powered "science-themed variety show" in Toronto, which is why streetcars bear his face in David Bowie knockoff makeup.

Tyson, on the other hand, hosts a TV show about space that is not also a pseudo-rock show. And he doesn't compare himself, in makeup or music, to one of the biggest pop icons ever.

What I want from my scientists — even my pop scientists — is awe. Not awe at you. Awe at life. Awe at creation. Awe at the incredible expanse of space, and all its emptiness, and all its populations and all that we do not know. I want you to be a conduit to something greater than humanity, and any human.

Hadfield's smooth transition into celebrity might expand our exposure to science, but not more so than our exposure to the man himself. In fact, in this PR race, Hadfield — and his moustache — is beating the universe.

He's become, to quote a friend, the Martha Brady of astronauts, which is bad, unless ubiquity is, to Hadfield, is good. I don't know what an astronaut's post-space career is supposed to be like, but you don't hear much from Roberta Bondar these days.

"The blast of glory that attends launch and landing doesn't last long," Hadfield wrote in the book he released this year. "The spotlight moves on, and astronauts need to, too. Otherwise, you'll wind up hobbled by self-importance..."

And yet Hadfield appears to be doing everything right to keep the glory going, the spotlight shining, to be, himself, important.

It's not that he hasn't accomplished amazing things, or even that he's not still inspiring others to fall in love with space.

It's that I don't know, when I see his face, what I'm supposed to worship more: Our collective incredible existence, or one, however impressive, man.

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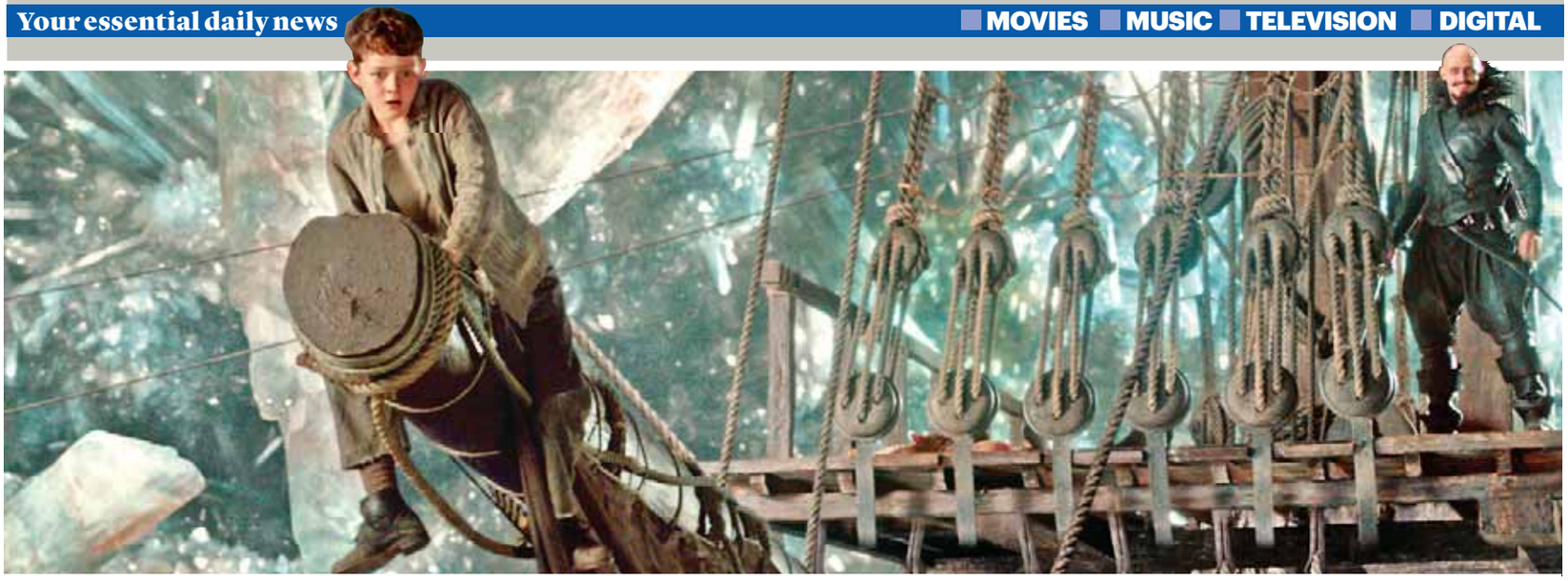

Pan is the origin story for Peter Pan and Captain Hook and features the dazzling visual work of director Joe Wright. CONTRIBUTED

Pan just more of the Wright Stuff

ANALYSIS

Director turns old tales into sumptuous visual displays

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Director Joe Wright's newest film is an origin story for Peter Pan and Captain Hook. A prequel to J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, it stars Hugh Jackman as Blackbeard, Garrett Hedlund as James Hook, Rooney Mara as Tiger Lily and Levi Miller as the title character.

It's a new take on an old tale, something Wright specializes in.

His versions of Pride and Prejudice and Anna Karenina are classic yet modern takes on their source materials, as sumptuously theatrical as they are emotionally fulfilling. Perhaps growing up with puppet theatre proprietor parents can be credited for his dramatic bent, but wherever it came from, his work is unique and eye-catching and Pan promises more of the same.

Here's a look at the Wright Stuff from his past films:

Set in pre-Second World War England, Atonement begins as an idyll. A rich family with two daughters, the fetching and flirty Cecilia (Keira Knightley) and 13-year-old Briony (Saoirse Ronan), are vacationing at their rural country home. The handsome son of the family's housekeeper Robbie Turner (James McAvoy) is the object of affection for both girls, but he only has eyes for Cecilia. When Briony catches the two in a passionate embrace she is overcome by jealousy. To keep the lovers apart she impulsively comes up with a childish, but devastating plan to accuse him of a crime he didn't commit.

Best eye candy moment: An astonishing continuous five-minute shot of the nightmarish Dunkirk evacuation, complete with 1,000 extras, livestock, and a beached boat all captured in one steady cam shot. "Basically, I just like showing off," he jokes.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Pan	★★★★
Knock, Knock	★
99 Homes	★★★
Hyena Road	★★★
Stonewall	★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

The Soloist is based on the true story of Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a musical prodigy who developed schizophrenia during his second year at Juilliard School, and wound up living on the streets of downtown Los Angeles. Robert Downey Jr. plays Steve Lopez, a disenchanted Los Angeles Times columnist who discovers Ayers and bases a series of columns on Ayers and his life. Over time they form a friendship based on the liberating power of music.

Best eye candy moment: Wright loads the screen with artful pictures such as a symphony of colour that fills the screen whenever Nathaniel listens to a live symphony orchestra.

Anna Karenina, Russian writer Leo Tolstoy's classic story of love, honour and deceit in 1974 Imperialist Russia begins with a family in tatters because of marital transgression. St. Petersburg aristocrat and socialite Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) travels to Moscow to visit her womanizing brother Oblonsky (Matthew Macfadyen) and his wife Dolly (Kelly Macdonald). Her counsel saves their marriage but the trip proves to be the undoing of hers.

Best eye candy moment: Every frame drips with beauty, from sets to clothes to Keira Knightley's cheekbones, but the opening is a stunner, presenting what appears to be a stage production of Anna Karenina.

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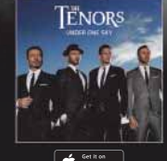

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Hedlund finds his inner child

INTERVIEW

Playing a young Hook in Pan gave actor a chance to be goofy

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York

Garrett Hedlund says he's used to playing darker characters, so it was a fun play a goofier role. CONTRIBUTED

Garrett Hedlund doesn't tend to do silly. He does brooding (Tron: Legacy) or laconic (On the Road, Inside Llewyn Davis).

With Pan, from Pride & Prejudice and Hanna director Joe Wright, he kicks things up a gear. The pricey fantasy is a Peter Pan origin story, and Hedlund plays the younger Captain Hook, here given the first name James and not only more of a cowboy — and still sporting both hands — but a good guy who befriends Levi Miller's Pan upon his first, hectic trip to Neverland.

Hedlund gets to act oversized and speak in a ridiculous voice. Considering how much he gets into character, he found it a nice change of pace.

I spent a good stretch trying to think what the voice you're doing here reminds me of, and eventually I decided it was John Huston. Am I even in the ballpark?

I have a funny story about that. When I first met with Joe, we talked about how Hook would sound. He saw Hook as someone who would have been out of a John Ford film — who would have been happy if he wasn't in Neverland, but on a horse on a prairie. But when I first met with him, I thought about when I was doing Troy. Peter O'Toole (his co-star), I was so fascinated by him and so in awe of working with Peter O'Toole. He would come up to me and say, (slips into spot-on O'Toole voice) "Garrett, my boy…" I think I was trying to do some of that. And Joe said, " It's wonderful! It's like a classic old American!" And I just kept my mouth shut. It's toned down, watered down. If I was to say I was just doing Peter O'Toole people would say, "You are a horrible actor."

Peter O'Toole is not a bad meet for your first big film.

I was given The Ruling Class, with Peter, by Brian Cox (another co-star) to watch. He said, "You'll get a kick out of this because Peter's dancing around, flamboyantly prancing through this field. You'd get a kick out of seeing him then versus now." Peter would be smoking a cigarette and walking up the stairs, and somebody would say, "Peter, do you ever think about quitting smoking?" He'd say, "Maybe I should quit stairs."

Do you tend to watch a lot of movies?

I grew up watching Bonanza and stuff like that. It wasn't films. We had one movie theatre in our town that played one movie every weekend, and it was really behind on the times. I think Men in Black II is just coming out now in my town. My dad would spend money on trying to provide for his kids, so that didn't include paying for films. Because you could watch it on television.

James Hook is a bit of a departure for you. He's a lot goofier than your previous roles.

I've never played a character who's so big and projective. I've done films that are quite stressful. Usually we're on sets and everyone's stressed-out and you're playing the darker character. You have an abusive father or you've lost family members or someone's about to die. You can't eat or sleep. Joe and I wanted the material to have a darker side, but we still managed to have a lot of fun with it. He and I were laughing so hard, saying, "Wouldn't this be great to film a whole movie where we're having a ball and relaxing and not stressing and feeling like a kid again?"

At the same time it does get pretty dark, which is especially notable now, when children's films tend to be sanitized. Kids die, there's a scary orphanage out of Dickens and other assorted weirdness.

Joe had said that before we started filming he had a two-and-a-half-year-old son who was having night terrors. He didn't know how to remedy it. He said that would like to make this film as dark as it can be to show kids that no matter how frightening your fears, you overcome them.

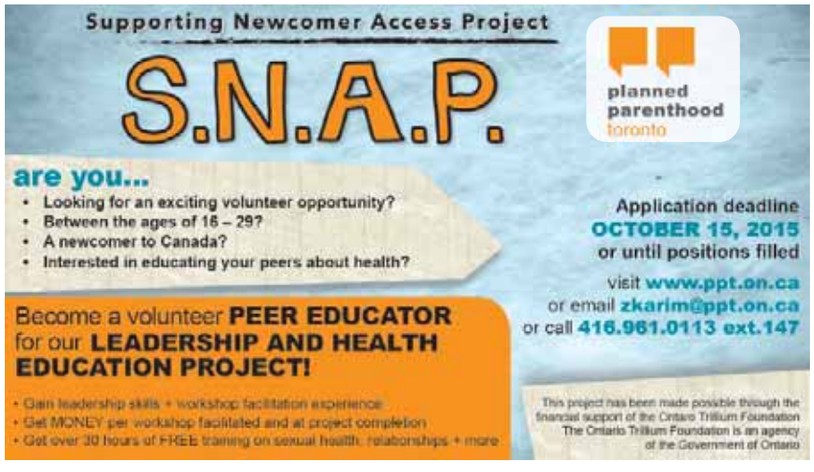
The idea, especially now, seems to be not to talk about it. But dark films for children almost certainly help them cope with real fears. And I say this as someone with no children, so I honestly have no idea what I'm talking about.

Me neither. We're in the same boat. But Tiger Lily's outfit was really inspired by his son, and the fight scene on the trampoline was inspired by his son. Because his son loved this trampoline. It's wonderful to be part of a film where so many aspects were inspired by this young boy. Levi (Miller, who plays Peter) was 11 while doing this, and it was just awesome to see a kid who has never been on a film set before and getting to do things that any could dream of. It really reminded you to loosen up a bit, that life's short, let's have fun.

You've talked in the past of writing a lot — including poetry — while on set. Do you still do that? Did you write anything while making Pan?

I would sit in Primrose Hill, and down the street you'd always see the plaques outside: Sylvia Path wrote The Bell Jar over there, and a philosopher did this over here. I wrote a few poems, and they were kind of in the realm of what this film is dealing with. While we were rehearsing, Joe asked Levi to read one of them. He read it and it was a really beautiful moment. That was really about it.

But I continue to do it, only because when we're traveling we always find ourselves in a hotel somewhere, eating a club sandwich, getting to see lands that a lot of our family and friends don't get to see, getting to meet wonderful people all over the globe. I really just write so I don't forget. When I write sometimes I'll think it's just s—. A year or two later I'll read them and think, "Why did I stress so much?" That completely takes you back to that moment.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Director Paul Gross goes back to war

FILM

Soldiers' stories fuel Afghan conflict tale Hyena Road

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Paul Gross didn't plan on directing two war movies back-to-back; that's just the way it turned out.

"I don't know what I was thinking," he says with a laugh.

Seven years ago his film Passchendaele, a hybrid of romance and war based around the gruelling 1917 battle of the same name, was the highest-budgeted Canadian-produced film ever.

That film was based on the experiences of his maternal grandfather, Michael Joseph Dunne, who served in the First World War.

Hyena Road was born out of Gross's own experiences after visiting Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

"I was mesmerized by the complexity of it and it was nothing like I had been told by the press, let alone our government," he says.

"I thought I should go back with a camera team because they were talking about pulling out of combat operations. I didn't have a story in mind or the intention of making anything, I just thought it would be a good idea to film it."

Returning with a modest crew, he shot footage and had long conversations with the soldiers.

"I would pick various guys and jot down their stories. Out of that the story emerged. Nothing in it is actually mine. The assembly of it is mine. That includes the characters. All the characters are based on people I met or composites of people I met."

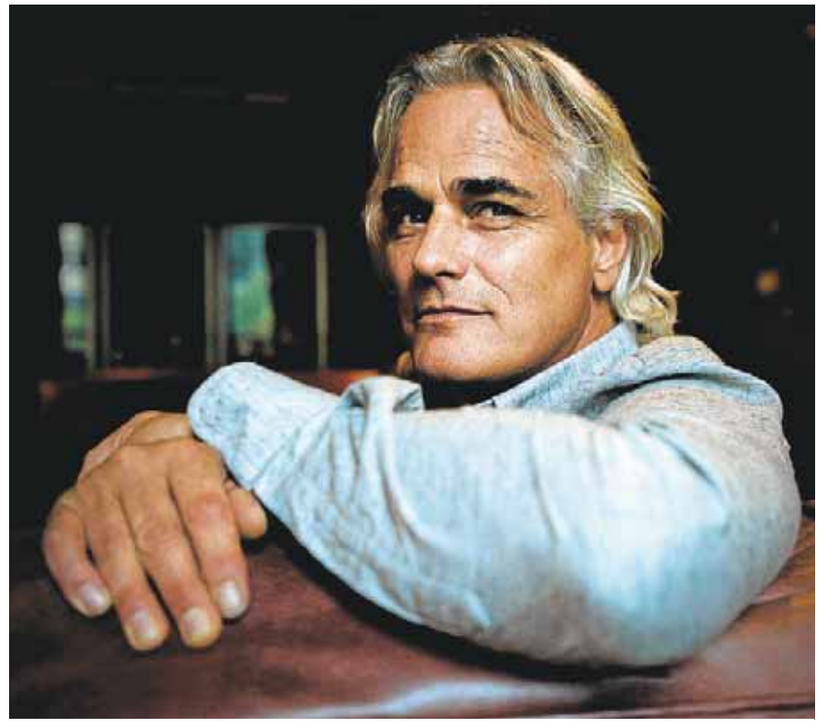
He says the story of a young Canadian sniper (Rossif Sutherland) struggling with the ambiguity of the missions his superiors (Gross and Christine Horne) are sanctioning was "written by the soldiers in a sense."

> **All the characters are based on people I met.**
> Paul Gross

"I finished the script and gave it to my producing partner Niv Fichman and he was just furious. He said, 'Why did you have to do another war film?' Then he read the script and said, 'Damn you, it's good. Now we have to make it.'"

Gross, who stars and directs, blended the film he shot in Afghanistan with locations in Jordan to create a seamless look at a very complex subject. "I look at Hyena Road and think, 'This sort of the polar opposite of Passchendaele in terms of a war film.' Passchendaele was partly the way it was because it was the bridge between the romantic period and the modern era.

"I think Hyena Road is post-modern in that the nature of warfare contains almost no romanticism anymore. It's very complicated. As one of the characters says in it, 'There's no winning, there's just an end state.'"



Hyena Road is a passion project for Paul Gross, who wrote, directed and stars in the movie about a Canadian sniper fighting in the Afghan war. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MOVIE REMAKE

Winona forever a Polley fan

There's chatter all over the Internet about a possible Beetlejuice sequel, but Winona Ryder is consumed with news that Sarah Polley is tackling a reboot of Little Women.

The actress erupts with elation upon hearing that the Toronto-based filmmaker has been writing a fresh big screen adaptation of the Louisa May Alcott novel.

There's no word yet on a director, but Ryder says she'd love to see Polley get behind the lens. It turns out she is a big fan.

"You have no idea, she is amazing. Oh my God. I don't know her personally but I've been a diehard fan of hers both as an actress and filmmaker," Ryder says in a recent interview to promote her latest film, Experimenter, out Oct. 16 on VOD and iTunes as well as playing in select theatres.

"I wish there was a role for me in it but there really isn't. Well, I could be Marmee, I suppose. Marmee in the book — the mom — was my age. I'm turning 44."

Ryder starred in the 1994 film as one of four sisters coming of age in the wake of the U.S. Civil War. Susan Sarandon played Marmee in that film.

So wouldn't it be weird to appear in a new interpretation decades later? Not if Polley is involved, says Ryder. "I'd do anything for her," Ryder declares. "If it was her, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

Ryder says her favourite films from the child actress-turned-writer/director include the heart-wrenching Alzheimer's story Away From Her and Polley's intensely personal documentary Stories We Tell.

Winona Ryder. GETTY IMAGES

The Reality Bites star can claim to be partially Canadian herself, since her left-leaning parents moved to Vancouver years ago when Republican president George W. Bush was re-elected in 2004. "They were like the only people who actually did that," she chuckles. "A lot of people threatened (to move) but they did. I couldn't believe it."

To their chagrin, Canada elected a Conservative government less than a year and a half later.

As for Beetlejuice, Ryder says she knows little about a possible resurrection.

But she says there is a script, her character Lydia is included, and that original director Tim Burton seems keen to revisit the ghostly comedy. But nothing has been confirmed, she stresses."It looks like it's going to happen but I don't really know much more."

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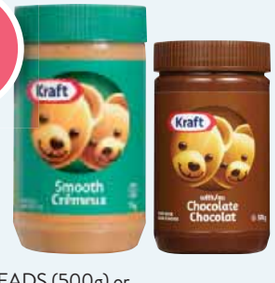

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DRAMA

The Walk

Director: Robert Zemeckis
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley

The Walk is the true story of a young dreamer, Philippe Petit, and a band of unlikely recruits who together achieve the impossible: an illegal wire walk in the immense void between the World Trade Center towers.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 87% Audience: 85%

DRAMA

Hyena Road

Director: Paul Gross
Starring: Rossif Sutherland,

A sniper becomes implicated in the life of one of his targets; an intelligence officer becomes the engine of a plot to kill; a legendary Mujahideen warrior who forsook war finds himself in the center of one. Three different men, three different conflicts.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED Audience: +98%

FANTASY

Pan

Director: Joe Wright
Starring: Hugh Jackman, Rooney Mara

The story of an orphan who is spirited away to the magical Neverland. There, he finds both fun and dangers, and ultimately discovers his destiny — to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

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Critics: 38% Audience: 56%

DRAMA

Stonewall

Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Ron Perlman

Stonewall is a drama about a fictional young man caught up during the 1969 Stonewall Riots. Danny Winters (Jeremy Irvine) is forced to leave behind friends and loved ones when he is kicked out of his parent's home and flees to New York.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 9% Audience: 93%

MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

Knock Knock

Director: Eli Roth
Starring: Keanu Reeves, Aaron Burns

When a devoted husband and father is left home alone for the weekend, two stranded young women unexpectedly knock on his door for help. What starts out as a kind gesture results in a dangerous seduction and a deadly game of cat and mouse.

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Critics: 37% Audience: +88%

DOCUMENTARY

He Named Me Malala

Director: Davis Guggenheim
Starring: Malala Yousafzai

He Named Me Malala is an intimate portrait of Malala Yousafzai, who was wounded when Taliban gunmen opened fire on her in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Yousafzai has since emerged as a leading campaigner for the rights of children worldwide.

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Critics: 66% Audience: 65%

DRAMA

The Forbidden Room

Director: Evan Johnson, Guy Maddin
Starring: Roy Dupuis, Clara Furey

A submarine crew, a feared pack of forest bandits, a famous surgeon, and a battalion of child soldiers all get more than they bargained for as they wend their way toward progressive ideas on life and love.

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Critics: 94% + Audience: 82%

MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

99 Homes

Director: Ramin Bahrani
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Michael Shannon

Set amidst the backdrop of the 2008 housing market crash, Dennis Nash, a hard-working and honest man, can't save his family home. Thrown to the streets by real estate shark Mike Carver, Dennis, out of work and luck, is given an opportunity — to join Carver's crew.

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Critics: 92% Audience: 82%

DOCUMENTARY

Sleepless in New York

Director: Christian Frei
Starring: Helen Fisher, Alley Scott

Lovesickness is the topic of a new, sensitive and compelling documentary film. Director Christian Frei and cinematographer Peter Indergand dive into the frenzied nights of three newly rejected.

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Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED + Audience: 100%

DOCUMENTARY

The Creeping Garden

Director: Tim Grabham, Jasper Sharp
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Director defends Stonewall film

Q&A

Loose take on pivotal LGBT event has drawn furious criticism

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Danny (Jeremy Irvine) plays the central role in director Roland Emmerich's Stonewall, much to the chagrin of LGBT activists and critics who have decried the film's depiction of history. HANDOUT

With Stonewall, director Roland Emmerich steps out of the blockbuster disaster world that made him famous (Independence Day, 2012) and into a much smaller film playground, telling the story of the 1969 Stonewall riots, a turning point in the gay-rights movement.

But he's found himself in something of a real-life disaster as LGBT activists, and critics have been very vocal about the film's alterations to history — primarily the insertion of Danny (Jeremy Irvine), a fictional rural white character who comes to New York just before the riots and offers the central perspective on events.

Here, in his own words, Emmerich defends his decisions in presenting this piece of history.

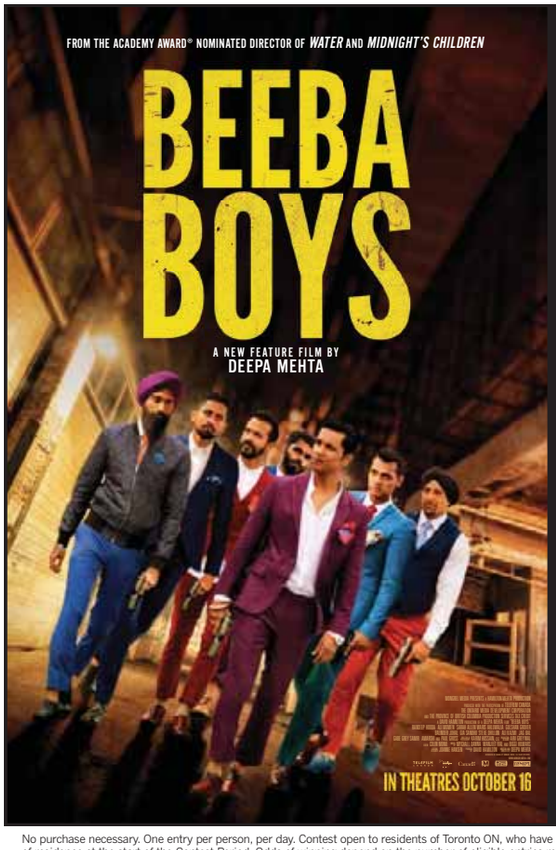
This is the first time you've addressed LGBT issues in your films. Why now?
First, when I was a young director I didn't want to be called gay because I wanted to make big movies. Then when I came to America, I realized that there's gay filmmakers making big films, so I can come out openly now.... So I was relatively late coming out — I was 33 or so — publicly. And then what happened was people constantly kept saying to me, "You should do a gay movie," because now they knew that I'm gay.... And then at one point these two producers came to me and said, "What about Stonewall?" And I said, "Somebody should make a movie about that!"

How concerned were you with getting all the historical details right — what you change, what you don't?
I'm always relatively courageous there because I'm always saying, "It has to make sense as a story." As long as I get the feeling right, you know?

For me, it was very rewarding because we showed it to the Stonewall veterans... and when they came out of the film they said, "Oh my God, this is very, very realistic."

There's already controversy over having the fictional Danny character throw the first brick, though.
Well, there's all kinds of theories about that. First of all, most of them were cobblestones. But we chose a brick because there was one black, very effeminate kid who always had a brick in her handbag, and when she wanted to have something she threw it through the window and grabbed that article of clothing she wanted to have. And that for us was a storyline where a kid comes from the countryside, is totally shocked by what's happening — they steal, they do these kinds of things — and then naturally in the riot, this kid who's always kind of way too nice, but because of jealousy and just frustration he's the one who throws the brick.... It's always great for me when the most unlikely character does something.

But do you understand why people are upset about that choice?
A lot of people will be upset. I knew this before I made the film. But nobody knows really, for sure, who did what when.... The only thing we really know is that transgender people fought the hardest, but there were not only transgender people, and we show that....
Ray (Jonny Beauchamp) is kind of in the centre of the story and is this transgender Puerto Rican. And we have a black transgender person, too.... But we're storytellers. I'm not a documentarian. I'm not making a documentary. It's how I see a certain historical event. It's artistic expression.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FILM

Director sees the ordinary in the extraordinary Malala Yousafzai

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

It was early on when Oscar-winning filmmaker Davis Guggenheim realized the way into the incredible tale of Malala Yousafzai, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize winner, was to show her bashfully googling images of tennis pro Roger Federer and scrapping with her younger brothers.

"It's dangerous to look at these people as superheroes," said the director about the cinematic subject of his latest movie, He Named Me Malala. "She is an ordinary girl. She became more extraordinary by making a choice so if you see it that way, all of us can be extraordinary by the choices we make."

> **I feel like as a documentarian, I'm a midwife. I'm helping them to tell their story and I find that very inspiring. Suddenly, I get to know these people.**
> Davis Guggenheim

For Yousafzai, that choice was quite literally life-altering. Living in Afghanistan, the 15-year-old was shot by the Taliban simply for going to school.

After surviving the assassination attempt, the experience emboldened her to speak out even louder as an ambassador for girls' rights — advocating her cause in front of Ivy League graduates and world leaders.

"Next to having children and raising my own kids, it's been by far the best experience of my entire life," said Guggenheim of meeting Yousafzai. And that's saying a lot. After all, Guggenheim has filmed the likes of U2 (From The Sky Down) and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore (An Inconvenient Truth).

"I didn't know what I was getting into," admitted Guggenheim, who met Yousafzai by simply knocking on her family's door.

"I was with her when she spoke at the UN and I was with her when she was at the Syrian border (welcoming) these refugees who had spent all night going across the border. In some cases she's like this superstar, and other cases she's just an ordinary girl and she's much more comfortable there."

But as stunning as Yousafzai's life story is, He Named Me Malala is more than just a biopic. Like his Academy Award-winning film An Inconvenient Truth, Guggenheim is hoping the movie will inspire a movement for the international right to girls' education.

"There's 66 million girls who are out of school; 66 million girls who have similar stories to Malala and to her, that's her mission," said Guggenheim. "It's very exciting to make a movie that not only is a great experience but can possibly change people's minds."

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The film is tied into The Malala Fund, which aims to ensure every girl has access to quality education. For more information, visit malala.org.

Malala Yousafzai speaks with director Davis Guggenheim in Birmingham, England, during the filming of the documentary He Named Me Malala.
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THE BLEEDER

Schreiber, Watts to co-star in boxing biopic
Underdog pugilist Chuck Wepner holds the distinction of being the third man to floor Muhammed Ali; Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts are to tell his tale in The Bleeder.

Merely two months of full-time training preceded the semi-pro's 1975 Heavyweight title fight with Ali; ex-Marine Wepner surprised the boxing world when he knocked Ali down with a right to the ribs.

Philippe Falardeau is in place to direct — he of schoolteaching comedy drama Monsieur Lazhar and Kansas refugee drama The Good Lie. Liev Schreiber of Ray Donovan, Pawn Sacrifice and the upcoming Spotlight is to play the durable Wepner, while his wife will be played by Naomi Watts. AFP

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Zemeckis talks The Walk

Q&A

Director says CGI will change acting in the future

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York

The Walk is aided by digital enhancements in telling the story of tight-rope walker Philippe Petit. HANDOUT

You don't ask Robert Zemeckis about themes and ideas.

What the filmmaker — of Back to the Future, Who Framed Roger Rabbit, Forrest Gump and now The Walk — most likes to talk about is the technical side. (J. Hoberman has said the filmmaker was even oblivious to the Oedipal subtext — really, the text — in Back to the Future).

He was an early embracer of digital effects and hot new technologies, and even dramas like Flight tend to feature extensive use of subtle CGI.

Still, he maintains that he doesn't do films to do tech; it's the stories that grab him, with digital effects employed as a tool to flesh them out.

With The Walk, he tells a story already told in the acclaimed doc Man on Wire: how French acrobat Philippe Petit (played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) covertly strung a tightrope between the Twin Towers in 1974 and strolled across them.

But he marshals the forces of first-rate tech to put us up there with him as he struts 110 stories above the ground.

Could you make The Walk without relying on CGI?

I don't even know how you'd do it at all. I guess you could use miniatures. Back in the old days you'd use miniatures and process screens. It certainly would have been very limiting.

Some of the CGI in this film is about recreating things that no longer exist. You create the World Trade Center both from the outside and the inside. This seems ... not cheaper.

Just because it's digital doesn't mean it costs nothing. You have to understand that. People can say things like, "Oh, a microphone dropped into the shot, screw it, move on, we'll paint it out later." Well, that costs money. Or, "Oh, gee, I made a mistake on the colour of the actor's tie. I'm going to change it from red to green." To do that in every shot costs money. Filmmakers have to be careful that they don't get sloppy, figuring they can change everything — which they can. But it costs money. To answer your question, basically you build what you need. So you build what the actors are going to touch, and you do a set extension. Sometimes it's cheaper to build more stuff, sometimes it's cheaper to build stuff virtually. It's always a trade-off. Obviously it's more difficult and more expensive to create photo-realistic reality.

Doing s— in outer space, nobody knows what it looks like. Aliens, anybody can do aliens, because nobody knows what they look like. It's hard to do humans.

Even in the dramatic scenes, such as in Paris, there's a lot of digital manipulation.

We shot Paris in Montreal, so in some shots all we used were the cobblestones on the street. Everything else was painted in. Digital cinema is magnificent. You can do so many great things. It's a great tool. One of the things I love is I can shoot at a high-frame rate, and then I can adjust the speed of the camera movement. Or if an actor moves his head to react a little bit too quick, I can subtly slow it down and give it a more dramatic move that the audience can't perceive. Sometimes an actor will have a little twitch or an eye blink at the most inopportune moment in his performance. You can change the actor's makeup. If he has circles under his eyes you can just paint them out.

How is that for the actors, knowing their work can be manipulated?

Most actors probably aren't aware of all the sophistication of the tools we have. But some do. I think acting is going to evolve, as with all technology. Actors in the early days of cinema had to project their voices because the microphones weren't that sensitive. Now actors can whisper or mumble their performances so we can pick up what they're saying. Actors will evolve knowing that digital tools can help them enhance their performances as time goes on.

BOSTON, BOND

Maslany in talks for Gyllenhaal's Boston Marathon movie

Canadian actress Tatiana Maslany could be on the verge of joining Stronger, a Boston Marathon biopic that already has Jake Gyllenhaal installed as its male lead. The part is that of a female runner taking part in the 2013 Boston Marathon; Gyllenhaal is in place to play her boyfriend, Jeff Bauman, who was waiting at the finish line where two bombs went off. AFP

Daniel Craig is shaken, not stirred, by the thought of playing Bond right now

Actor Daniel Craig has said he wants to move on from the James Bond franchise and that, for now, he would rather slit his wrists than do another Bond movie.

In an interview with Time Out magazine, in which he was asked whether he could imagine doing another Bond film, Craig said: "Now? I'd rather break this glass and slash my wrists. ... I'm over it at the moment. We're done. All I want to do is move on."

He added that he doesn't know and does not want to think about his next step, and that if he were to do another 007 movie, it would "only be for the money." AFP

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5 REASONS WHY DR. KEN COULD BE THIS FALL'S VERY BEST NEW SITCOM

The premiere of Dr. Ken met with mixed reviews. Yet the series that stars Ken Jeong as a snarky, short-fused doctor and an uptight family man has the makings to be this season's newest comedy gem. Seriously. Just hear us out. Here are five reasons why Dr. Ken is the show you should catch this season **BRIAN GASPAREK/FOR METRO**

CONTRIBUTED

1 Dr. Ken is made of 100% Jeong

When has Ken Jeong's on-screen comedy ever let us down? The answer is never. He was sidesplitting in Community and was the highlight of all of the Hangover flicks. With Dr. Ken, Jeong has complete creative control over all of the laughs. Not only is he the star of the show, he is also the creator, producer and main writer. Let's give Ken a chance to do his thing because he will most likely deliver. Besides, we've already seen him play a crude, crass doctor in Knocked Up and Two And A Half Men and he totally nailed it.

2 It features a Kids in the Hall alum

Dr. Ken features Canadian comedy legend Dave Foley. The former Kids In The Hall and NewsRadio alum has a starring role in the sitcom as Pat. Not only does he give the show a ton of cred, his presence guarantees a lot of laughs. We can never get enough Dave Foley.

3 Suzy Nakamura plays a main character ... finally

Suzy Nakamura is lovable and hilarious. She has been a standout with all of her bit parts over the years on sitcoms such as 8 Simple Rules, According To Jim, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Modern Family and How I Met Your Mother. She has finally scored a much-deserved full-time gig on Dr. Ken as Ken's wife, Dr. Allison Park. Trust us, she's going to be a star. We could all use more Suzy in our lives.

4 Margaret Cho will be a guest star this season

Margaret Cho is one of the best and most talented standup comedians around. She also happens to be a guest star on Dr. Ken this season. Cho will play Dr. Wendi, a rival doctor to Ken, which should be a huge addition to the cast. Can you imagine how awesome she will be exchanging blunt barbs with Jeong? Things are going to get fantastically ugly.

5 The return of Tisha Campbell-Martin

It's been a long time since Tisha Campbell-Martin has made us laugh in our living rooms. In the '90s, she was hilarious next to Martin Lawrence in her long-running role as Gina on Martin. She was just as great next to Damon Wayans as Jay on My Wife and Kids. After years away from the sitcom spotlight, she is finally back to bring the sarcasm on Dr. Ken as Damona. She will be laying down the smack on Jeong in the best possible way. We can't wait.

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Who out there is still stealing music?

TECHNOLOGY

With cheap streaming services, theft a head scratcher

Alan Cross
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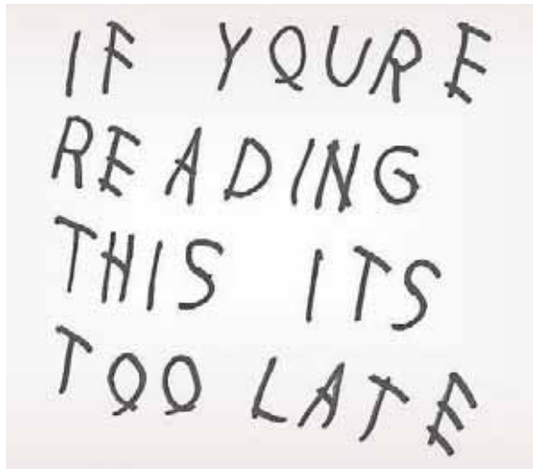


Drake's if You're Reading This it's Too Late is apparently the most illegally downloaded album currently on the charts, but these other ones are popular thefts as well. CONTRIBUTED CBC

It baffles me that people are still going through the trouble of stealing.

Rather than contend with incomplete files, poor metadata, missing artwork, inconsistent sampling rates, the potential for viruses and all the other inconveniences — not to mention all the time and effort required to locate, seed and organize — why not just sign up for a streaming music service?

Ten dollars a month doesn't seem like much of an issue. Even the free versions give you access to about 35 million (and counting) songs with a couple of clicks or pokes. Streaming has put a big dent into the stealing of music, yet the theft continues.

So what's being stolen? I ran across some statistics recently from hypebot.com that looked at what current hits from the Billboard charts are being illegally downloaded.

Rap and hip-hop is by far the most pillaged genre, accounting for well over a third of all stolen songs, followed by R&B (about a quarter), EDM and alternative, each with about a sixth of all rip-offs.

Folkies aren't above a little shoplifting. On average, the top ten folk albums are downloaded illegally 1,700 times a day with the overall the number of stolen folk songs being about double that of mainstream rock records.

The least stolen music? Classical, which barely registered in the study, falling miles below even Christian tracks.

Let's look at individual artists. If I'm Drake, I'm really, really annoyed. His If you're Reading This It's Too Late album is currently the most-poached current release with total thefts running higher than the Top 10 albums from the alternative, rock, country, classical and Christian charts combined.

The soundtrack from season one of Fox's Empire is the most-stolen R&B album while Jamie xx's In Colour leads the EDM theft parade.

Beneath the Skin from Of Monsters and Men is the top folk album. Twenty One Pilots' Blurryface is the most-stolen record from rock and alternative charts (it's charting in both places).

And if you're wondering which classical record people are stealing most often, it's The Tenors' Under One Sky.

But there's actually good news in all this. When you consider that there are seven billion on the planet, it's somewhat comforting for the industry to know that there are only about 1,500 illegal daily downloads of the new Drake album.

That's a lot, but before streaming hit, that number would have been much higher.

But I still have to ask the question: When music is so easy to access from anywhere, why bother in the first place?

Instagram more than pretty pictures

SOCIAL MEDIA

Visual site works as both objets d'art and creative spark

Catherine Kustanczy
For Metro Canada

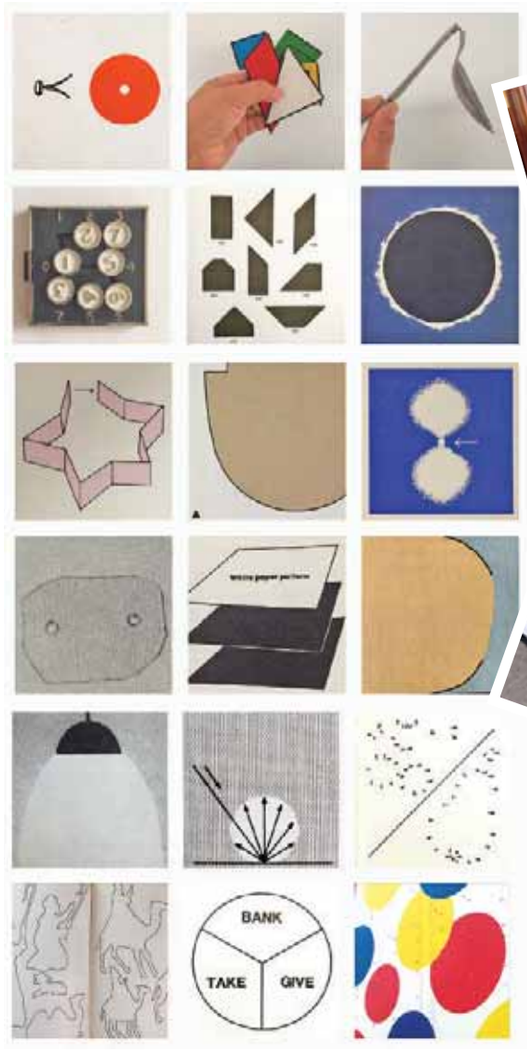
As the influence of social media continues to grow, how is the art world being affected?

That question came up this past spring, when actor Pierce Brosnan took a selfie in front of a work he admired, a futuristic chaise longue. "Let the bidding commence," he typed, before posting it to his 164,000 Instagram followers. The item later sold for roughly $3.7 million, breaking the world auction record for a design object. But Instagram's power isn't just limited to sales and marketing; it's also being used in the creation of art, or as art in and of itself.

Toronto-based artist Micah Lexier says the attraction is based on its purely visual nature. "I'm in my 50s, and I'm not much of a social media person," he confesses, "but (Instagram) is really about the image and it's something I, as an artist, am used to."

Canadian artist Matthew Feyld concurs. "As a visual artist, what's better than an image based social media platform?"

"Before digital cameras, I took millions of source photographs," Lexier recalls. "I always had a camera and took pictures — I've thousands of boxes filled with them. (Instagram) fed into something I was already doing."



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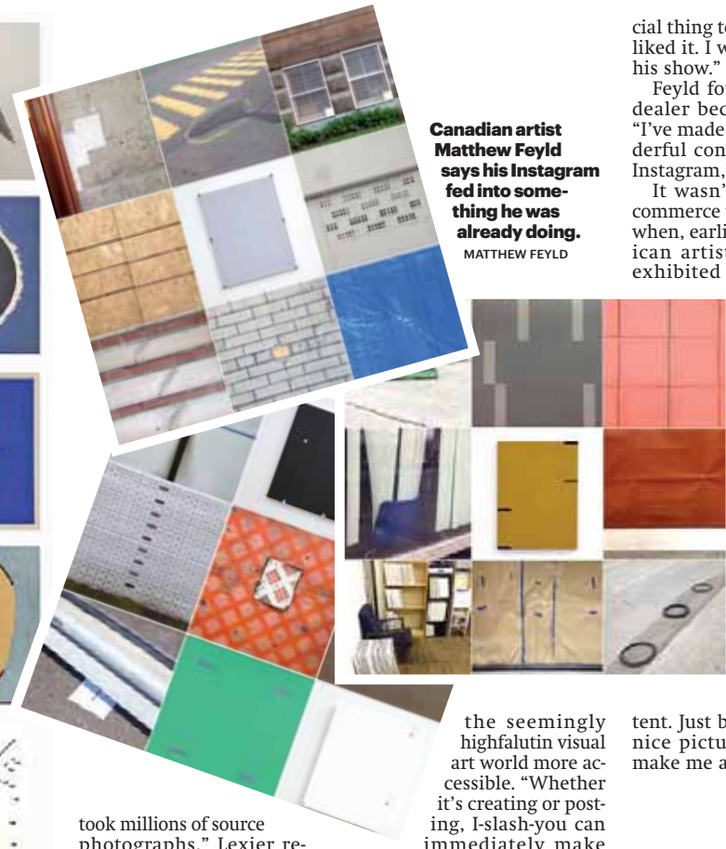

Canadian artist Matthew Feyld says his Instagram fed into something he was already doing.
MATTHEW FEYLD

Ann Webb, Managing Director of Contemporary Culture at the Royal Ontario Museum, thinks Instagram has made the seemingly highfalutin visual art world more accessible. "Whether it's creating or posting, I-slash-you can immediately make a comment back and forth."

Instagram can also be an entry point. "I sit at this coffee shop every morning," Lexier says, "and this one guy kept saying hi, and eventually introduced himself, saying, 'I follow your Instagram.' I checked his work out — it was the social thing to do — and I really liked it. I wound up curating his show."

Feyld found a Paris-based dealer because of his feed. "I've made a number of wonderful connections through Instagram," he says.

It wasn't connection but commerce that caused a furor when, earlier this year, American artist Richard Prince exhibited several enlarged photos of other people's Instagram posts; Prince added his own commentary at the bottom of each one, and sold them for $90,000 a pop.

Webb sees purpose as central to artists and their relationship with Instagram. "I think in order for something to be art, you have to be an artist with intent. Just because I'm taking nice pictures, that doesn't make me an artist."

> **Just because I'm taking nice pictures, that doesn't make me an artist.**
> Ann Webb,
> Royal Ontario Museum

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On the books

Attention, booklovers! This year's International Festival of Authors — the 36th edition, running from October 22 to November 1 at Harbourfront Centre — features a lineup of more than 100 of the world's most exciting contemporary writers. Over 11 days, Toronto's festival of words and ideas presents panel discussions, interviews, readings and free book signings. The Festival plays host to special events, such as celebrations of the Governor General's Literary Award and Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize finalists, as well as the awarding of the Harbourfront Festival Prize.

This year, the Festival spotlights the work of upcoming and established poets from around the world, including appearances by former UK Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, Toronto's own Poet Laureate George Elliott Clarke and Denmark's Ulrikka S. Gernes. The Festival also explores the rich culture and vibrant literary scene of Catalonia, Spain.

Love great fiction? Grab tickets to one of three events featuring Lawrence Hill, the award-winning and internationally bestselling author of The Book of Negroes. On Oct. 29, he'll be discussing and reading from his new book, The Illegal. Award winner and Festival favourite Miriam Toews will discuss her latest novel, All My Puny Sorrows. Other buzzed-about novelists include Giuseppe Catozzella from Milan, Greece's Sophia Nikolaidou and, from the UK, Sarah Winman.

Fans of graphic novels and illustration won't want to miss two events featuring Canada's own Jillian Tamaki, whose work has been lauded by The New York Times among other publications.

For parents, what better way to encourage kids to read — and write — than to see stories come together right before their eyes? On Friday, Oct. 23, the Festival presents a reading, Q&A and bookplate-making workshop with award-winning children's author Andrée Poulin. And if you're someone who aspires to present your own work at the Festival one day, try signing up for the six-week workshop The Writer's Toolkit: Becoming a Better Writer, taught by bestselling novelist Brian Francis.

CONTRIBUTED

Tickets to this year's IFOA are $18 for adults and free for students and youth 25 and under (subject to availability). They're on sale now at ifoa.org or by phone at 416-973-4000. Hurry, though: every year, popular events sell out quickly. The Festival website is also full of event details, author bios, a blog and podcasts.

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PALM SPRINGS

Desert city offers up old Hollywood, new cuisine

Kathy Buckworth
For Metro Canada

It's as though the '60s moved in and refused to leave. But while Palm Springs, Calif., honours its swinging past, there is a new energy to this low-slung city. With a population of 45,000, which triples during 'The Season' (January to April), new hotels are being built, restaurants are springing up, and the airport has expansion plans. Their estimated five million visitors a year continues to grow.

This desert heat keeps up through October, with the hottest part of the day late afternoon. So if you only have 48 hours, arrange your outdoor adventures in the morning.

Day 1

Start with a trip to the San Andreas Fault. Desert Adventure Tours has the exclusive licence to take the geologically interested through miles of bumpy, sandy and often tortured-looking terrain. Climb through a slim crack in the rocks and touch both the Pacific and North American tectonic plates at the same time.

Wipe off the dust and drop into a popular local restaurant like Trio for a fresh and reasonable lunch. All restaurants in conservation-aware Palm Springs only serve water to customers if requested.

As the day heats up, head for the hills by ascending to 8,516 feet (2,600 metres) via the rotating Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Temperatures dip a full -1 C at the top of the Chino Cliffs canyon. Tackle some of the 87 kilometres of hiking trails at the top to work up a healthy appetite for dinner.

The Workshop Kitchen is known for its Pisco Punch and ever-changing menu. Or savour a deconstructed meal at Dish Creative Cuisine, one of Palm Spring's newest restaurants.

Spend a sunny afternoon poolside at the Saguaro Hotel. ALL PHOTOS KATHY BUCKWORTH/FOR METRO

Hike the rugged terrain of the San Andreas Fault, and straddle the Pacific and North American tectonic plates, left.

Day 2

Stars come out at night, but you can visit stars' homes in the daytime. A specialized walking tour takes you to the heart of the Movie Colony district, playground for Frank Sinatra and pals. In a serendipitous nod to the transition between old Hollywood and new, Leonardo DiCaprio recently purchased the Dinah Shore estate.

Lunch at the celebrity-filled Parker Meridien café Norma's, which is best enjoyed after a stroll through their beautiful grounds.

Spend a hot and sunny afternoon poolside; the Saguaro hotel rooms surround a very private and colourful pool, which has a calming vibe.

Dinner at the Tropicale embodies the cuisine and culture of Palm Springs: an organic food experience on an outdoor patio while a jazz band provides the perfect ambiance.

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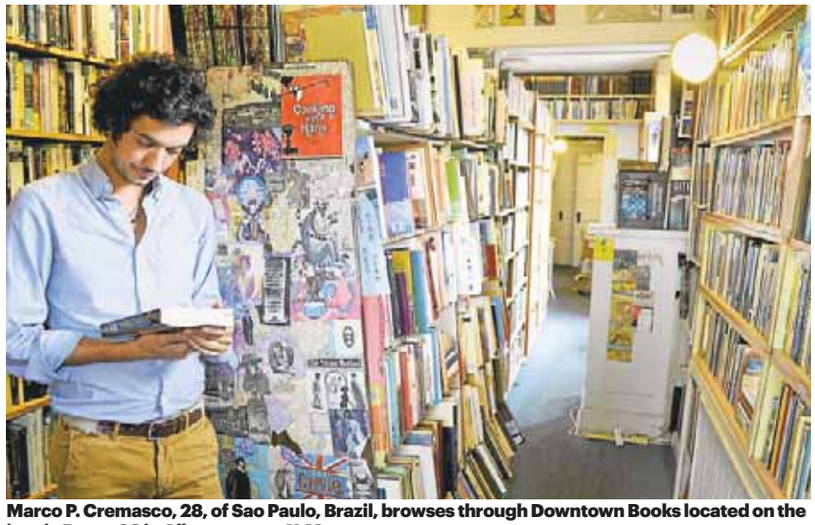

Marco P. Cremasco, 28, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, browses through Downtown Books located on the iconic Route 66 in Albuquerque, N.M. RUSSELL CONTRERAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travellers along historic Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles have no problem finding their fix of fake American Indian jewelry and vintage Elvis posters. But along this path motorists also will discover something once declared dead: the used bookstore.

There's the Chicago bookstore with a cat and a mechanical elevator, and the Albuquerque shop where lawyers and the homeless search together for Jack Kerouac's novels. There's also the iconic California store that once delivered new books to Japanese-Americans interned at nearby camps.

All are located on Route 66, or a block away, often attracting regulars from around the corner and visitors from around the world seeking Greek classics or a collection of Ernest Hemingway short stories. Owners say their stores are still thriving in the era of e-readers, tablets and online libraries.

Some, like Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena, Calif., have been around for more than 100 years and sell new books, and sometimes refer customers to nearby used bookstores, says Vroman's president Allison Hill.

Others, like the 5th Street Books in Kingman, Ariz., just opened recently.

"For whatever reason, there are still some people who want an old-fashioned book in their hands," Laura Eisner, owner of The Book Case in Albuquerque, a shop that opened when John F. Kennedy was running for president. "And they get that urge when they are just passing through."

The route has changed a number of times through the years, and eventually became less of a destination thanks to new interstate highways.

In 2008, the World Monuments Fund listed Route 66 on the Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites. Nevertheless, the customers keep coming.

"I specialize in non-fiction," said Mert Glancy, 61, who operates 5th Street Books in Kingman. Her store is a block away from the storied road and is located in a building that once housed a newspaper. "There's another bookstore a block away that concentrates on contemporary fiction."

No one knows just how many used bookstore are located along Route 66. The online bookstore, AbeBooks.com, recently listed 66 used bookstores near Route 66 and still faced angry comments for leaving off others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HISTORY

- Route 66, also called the Mother Road, began in 1926 after the Bureau of Public Roads launched the nation's first federal highway system, bringing together existing local and state roads from Chicago through St. Louis to Los Angeles.
- Small towns opened shops, motels and gas stations to pump revenue into local economies just as the nation's car culture took off.
- Its importance even sparked a Route 66 song performed by Nat King Cole, and later by the 1980s English electronic band Depeche Mode.

Jack Kerouac HANDOUT

- Despite its endangered status, Route 66 remains an attraction for tourists who seek out its neon-lit diners and vintage motels, in between hunting through used bookstores for dusty copies of everything from John Steinbeck's Tortilla Flat to Ana Castillo's Peel My Love Like an Onion, and, of course, Jack Kerouac's On the Road.

TRAVEL NOTES NEW TREKS, WINERY TOURS, SEASONAL SUN

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More to Montreal than St. Laurent

ON THE MOVE

Comedy, art and Garden make for a great weekend

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Montreal: Through the Eyes of Vittorio showcases the work of photographer and illustrator Vittorio Fiorucci. MUSÉE MCCORD MUSEUM; INSET: PAPRIKA, 2015

When I was a student at Montreal's McGill University I spent my time bar hopping on St. Laurent, hanging out in the student ghetto and occasionally studying. This past weekend, some 20 years later, I returned to my old home and discovered a few things that weren't on my radar back then, but should be part of everyone's experience in this incredible city.

Comedyworks

Montreal has been synonymous with comedy since the Just for Laughs festival was founded in 1983.

If you are looking to get your giggle on outside of festival dates, the best bet is to hit a comedy club. The Comedyworks on Bishop Street is a small intimate club with friendly staff and free popcorn. The headliner last Friday night was festival veteran Daniel Tirado.

I really wasn't sure what to expect but he was laugh-out-loud hilarious. An unexpected treat was the calibre of the five local comics that came up before him.

However, I would caution that every act was colourful — viewer discretion is advised.

Vittorio exhibit

Located just across the street from the main gates of the McGill campus is the McCord Museum. It focuses on the history and people of Montreal. There are a number of permanent exhibits but I was most interested in a temporary exhibit, Montreal: Through the Eyes of Vittorio.

Vittorio Fiorucci was a skilled photographer and illustrator who focused on poster making and produced more than 400 over a 40-year period.

I had not heard his name before, but I certainly recognized his art. His creations for the Just for Laughs Festival are widely known and instantly recognizable. The exhibit runs until April 10, 2016.

The Magic of Lanterns features more than 900 lanterns from the Shanghai region. MICHEL TREMBLAY/JARDIN BOTANIQUE DE MONTRÉAL

Lantern extravaganza

An easy subway ride from downtown, the Montreal Botanical Garden is adjacent to the city's iconic Olympic stadium.

Opened in 1931, the gardens were declared a National Historic Site in 2008.

Every night from now until Nov. 1 the Magic of Lanterns event will light up the Garden's 2.5-hectare Chinese garden. More than 900 handmade lanterns from China's Shanghai region are showcased throughout.

They arrive in the summer and for two months workers build the supports, install the electrical wiring and hang the lanterns all in preparation for this annual event. The final effect is stunning.

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Llucalcari village in Mallorca, the largest and most culturally diverse of the Balearic Islands. MAIN AND ENSAÏMADA PHOTOS: GIORGIO GATTI/BALEARIC MINISTRY FOR INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TOURISM/ATB

Spain's islands in the sun

BALEARIC ISLANDS

From huts to hotels, an experience for every budget

Catherine Roberts
For Metro Canada

Spain's Balearic Islands have long embraced two polar opposites. On one hand, it is a popular haunt for the rich and famous; and on the other, it has the unenviable reputation for tacky tourism built on "sun, booze and highrise resorts." The truth (as most islanders love to point out) is that the islands manages to be both and so much more at the same time. And that's its secret. It offers what few vacation spots can: something for everyone and every budget.

The largest island, Mallorca, is by far the most culturally diverse and one of the great natural destinations in the Mediterranean. Its capital, Palma, is a blend of tree-lined boulevards and cobbled stone laneways. The Cathedral (or La Seu in Catalan), which dominates the city skyline, is one of the most magnificent Gothic cathedrals in Europe. It's also a perfect place to admire the work of Antoni Gaudí for the low price of six euros.

Meanwhile, celebrities and billionaires (yes, there are quite a few) like to explore the island by yacht. There are a number of breathtaking scenic drives such as the serpentine route to Sa Calobra from the main Ma-10 road. An equally enjoyable way to see the island is to take the antique wooden train that winds its way from Palma through mountains and tunnels to Sóller, a delightful town surrounded by orange and lemon groves.

Mallorca has a number of isolated white-sand coves, accessible only by boat or on foot. One of the best is the Platja des Coll Baix. A network of rugged trails that traverse the mountains makes the island perfect for horseback riding. Many resorts and towns have stables with reasonably priced classes and excursions.

But there's no better way to experience the Mallorcan landscape and wildlife than to hike. The main hiking area is the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range along the northern coast. There are several refugis, or rustic mountain huts, where hikers can stay the night.

If the idea of a night or two in a hut is not your idea of fun, there are rural properties and spas (a must-visit is Son Brull) and hotels in every price range imaginable. If you're in the mood to splurge, then book a stay at the Jumeirah but don't be surprised if you end up running into a prince or two.

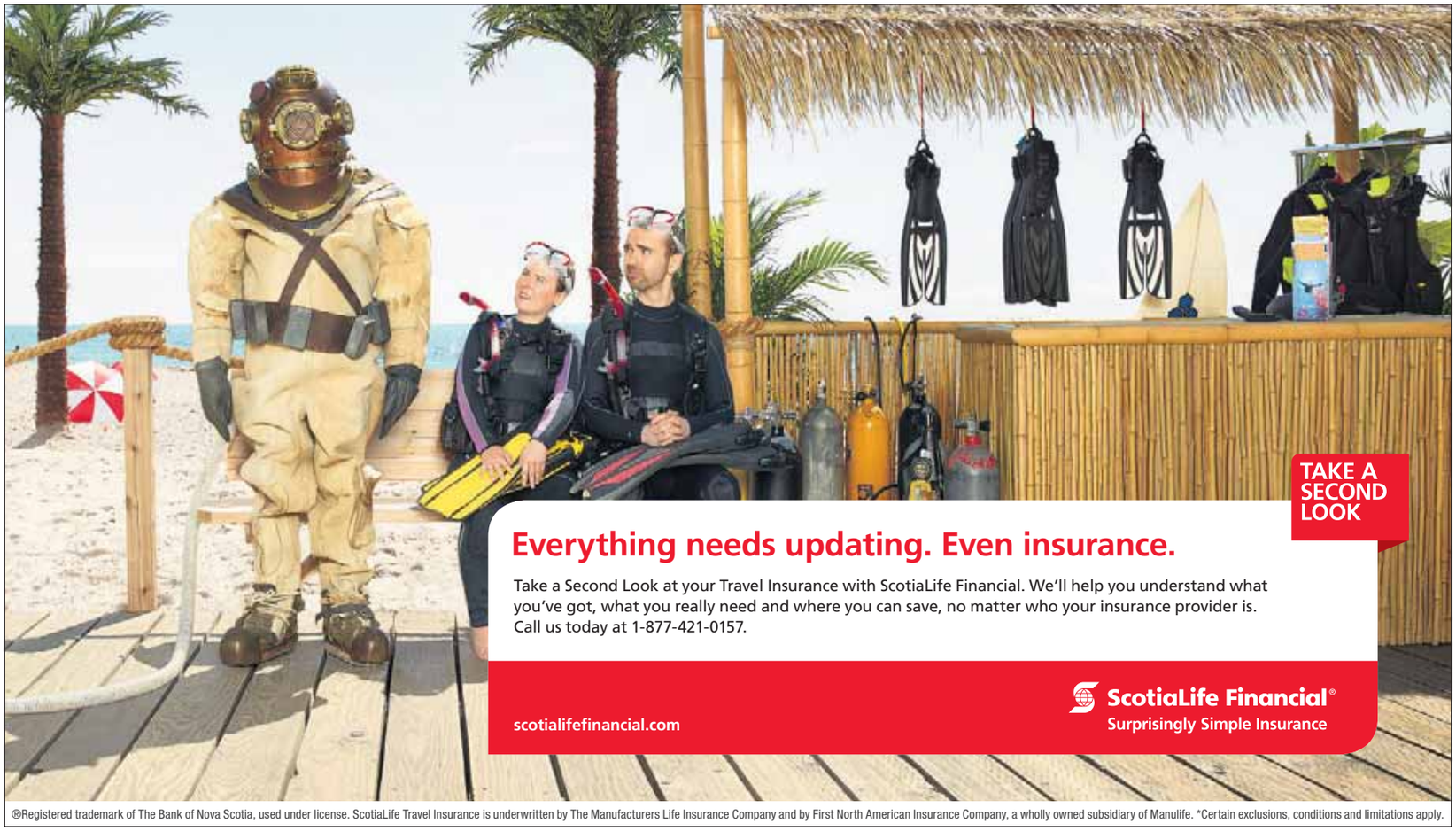
The Catedral de Mallorca. GASPAR MONROIG/BALEARIC MINISTRY FOR INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TOURISM/ATB

Whether you choose to bike, hike, or jump on the 103-year-old train with its timber-panelled carriages to get around, you'll find plenty to see and do, far from the maddening crowds and their "fly-and-flop" resorts, in this sun-drenched Mediterranean archipelago.

LOCAL EATS

No Mallorcan meal begins without a dish of olives and some pa amb oli (bread with oil). Even if you are not adventurous gastronomically, don't miss out on an island favourite, the ensaïmada, a soft round bun made with sweet dough and topped with icing, at one of the many cafés and patisseries.

Ensaïmada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Walk on the wild side in Rwanda

Tourists take a step back as a male silverback mountain gorilla crosses their path in the dense forest in Volcanoes National Park, northern Rwanda. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONSERVATION

Guided tours a rare chance to see mountain gorillas up close

Deep in Rwanda's steep-sloped forest, the mountain gorillas look both endearing and intimidating. A tourist might feel conflicting impulses to shy away and reach for a hug (the latter is not advised) when a gorilla brushes past on a path. The way a gorilla snoozes, scratches a leg or casts an inquiring glance — it all seems familiar, and yet wild.

"You can't tell what they're thinking," said John Scott, a retired chemical engineer from Britain's Worcester area who trekked to the high-altitude habitat to see the creatures with close genetic links to humans.

This sense of kinship helps explain why increasing numbers of tourists are heading to Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park, fuelling an industry seen as key to the welfare of the critically endangered subspecies as well as the national economy. Those visitors can also be a threat because gorillas are vulnerable to human diseases and so reduced in numbers that a veterinary team called Gorilla Doctors cares for sick and injured apes.

The mountain gorilla population dropped sharply in the last century because of poaching, illness and human encroachment, although the numbers are now rising. These days, an estimated 900 mountain gorillas live in Rwanda and neighbouring Congo and Uganda.

Mount Bisoke volcano where the mountain gorillas live.

In Rwanda, conservation is big business. Eighty individual permits to see the gorillas for one hour are available daily for a maximum price of $750 each, and 20 per cent of permit revenue goes to schools, clinics and other local community projects, the park website says.

A friendly silverback

More than 20,000 people visited Rwanda's gorillas in 2014, nearly three times as many as in 2003, according to government figures. Many came from the United States, Britain, Australia, Germany and Canada. On one particular day last month, people in hiking gear sipped coffee and milled around at the park headquarters before breaking into groups of eight, the limit for tourist parties visiting separate gorilla families in the dense undergrowth.

"How's the pace? Are you feeling the mountains yet or not?" guide Ferdinand Ndamiyabo asked his group, including an Associated Press team, during a hike up a volcano that is home to a family of gorillas called Amahoro, which means "peace" in the Rwandan language. It took close to two hours of walking to reach the gorillas, a relatively gentle climb in mild weather through tangled vines, stinging nettles and other lush vegetation.

Ndamiyabo earlier laid out rules for the encounter: Don't point, speak softly, don't cough or sneeze in the animals' direction and stay a minimum of seven metres away. If a gorilla approaches, crouch down, don't make eye contact and make a low sound similar to that of clearing the throat, which gorillas use to express friendliness.

What awaited in a clearing were drowsy gorillas, including two young ones that idly grappled and another that groomed Gahinga, an adult male silverback that dominates the Amahoro. Gahinga eventually rolled off his back and rested his great head on an arm, watching the camera-toting arrivals. He made a low sound.

"The silverback is saying, 'No problem, my friends, take as many pictures as you want,'" Ndamiyabo declared.

The group followed the gorillas after their morning nap. At times, gorillas fell in behind the startled tourists, almost bumping into them as they advanced.

Sarah Scott, a nurse and wife of tourist John Scott, said the close encounter was awe-inspiring.

The gorillas seemed so human — whether "grooming or passing wind" — but also huge and powerful, she said, adding: "One swipe of the hand and that's it."

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Meloney Edghill and her son, Sebastian. CONTRIBUTED

Immunotherapy offers new hope

For melanoma patients

In April 2006, Meloney Edghill, 40, faced one of a parent's worst nightmares.

"I was worried my cancer would kill me before my four-year-old son would have any memories of me. I didn't want him growing up and not remembering me at all."

Edghill had just been diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer. While melanoma makes up just eight per cent of skin cancer cases, it causes 70 per cent of deaths from the disease.

The lump in her shoulder is what caused her to go to a doctor, but it was too late — it had already spread to her pancreas, liver and some lymph nodes.

"I initially thought they would just remove it and everything would sort of be OK after that," she says. "We found out quickly that was not the case and that, in fact, there were very few options. My husband and I were devastated."

At the time, the average life expectancy for someone with Edghill's diagnosis was about six to nine months. That October, she enrolled in a trial of a new kind of cancer treatment called immunotherapy. Unlike the traditional approaches to cancer treatment — surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and targeted therapy — immunotherapies are drugs that enhance the body's own immune system so it can fight and kill the cancer cells.

In January 2007, when tested to see how she had responded, Edghill was taken by surprise. The tumors had shrunk significantly.

"It was unbelievable. My doctors and nurses were amazed that something had worked that well and that quickly."

According to her doctor, Edghill is cancer-free today and her son, who is now a teenager, has grown up with his mother at his side.

Edghill's experience with the treatment is not shared by all melanoma patients, but immunotherapy has shown good results in clinical studies and has been approved for use in Canada and other countries. Ongoing research continues to give new hope to those diagnosed with the disease. There are already newer immunotherapies available, including ones that work in different ways to stimulate the immune system.

"Immunotherapy has transformed the way advanced melanoma can be treated," says Kathy Barnard, founder and president of the Save Your Skin Foundation, a melanoma patient support organization that also aims to educate the public on the importance of protecting the skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, a major risk factor for skin cancer. "Just a few years ago, patients who were diagnosed were desperate and many were told to 'get their affairs in order.' In just a short period, this cancer went from being defined as a deadly disease to a cancer that people have the chance to survive.

"What is even more exciting is that there is ongoing research with immunotherapy, which means more treatments are available to patients, giving them options," says Barnard, who is also a melanoma survivor. "Can you imagine? Advanced melanoma patients have treatment options to survive. I never dreamed this would happen in my lifetime. I'm here today witnessing history being made. In fact, I'm living proof of it,"

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Rangers deliver opening blow

MLB PLAYOFFS

Donaldson and Bautista exit matchup with injuries

Advantage Texas Rangers.

The underdog AL West champions, no strangers to being written off, spoiled the Blue Jays' long-awaited return to the post-season Thursday, beating Toronto ace David Price en route to a 5-3 win.

Rangers manager Jeff Banister sends Cole Hamels, his marquee man, to the mound Friday afternoon to face Marcus Stroman in Game 2.

There's a ways to go in the best-of-five series, but Texas is smiling while Canada has its fingers crossed.

"I care a ton," said a disappointed Price. "I want to go out there and pitch well for my teammates and pitch well for this country and I didn't do that today."

A sellout crowd of 49,834, waving rally towels, lived and died with every pitch under the roof at the Rogers Centre, which last saw playoff action in 1993 when the Jays won a second straight World Series.

Rougned Odor and Robinson Chirinos homered and combined to score four of the Rangers' runs as the bottom of the Texas order took its toll on Price, who was pitching on 11 days' rest.

Price, who left after seven innings, gave up five earned runs on five hits with five strikeouts and two walks. He threw 90 pitches, 59 for strikes in taking the loss.

Price didn't hit a batter as a Jay during the regular season, but hit Odor twice in five innings — a Toronto playoff record. Both times the Texas second baseman came home to score.

Odor, a 21-year-old from Venezuela, is the second-youngest player to score three runs in a post-season game, according to ESPN Stats. Only Andruw Jones in the 1996 World Series was younger.

We have been resilient all year ... One thing I know about us is we always seem to respond.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons

ALDS Game 1

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For all his regular-season exploits, Price has lost six straight in the playoffs since a win over Boston in 2008.

"It's been about seven years so I want that monkey off my back," Price said. "I expect to have better results out there on the field. I didn't throw the ball the way that I'm capable of today and I'll be ready to go whenever it's my turn again."

The Rangers never trailed, scoring twice in the third and fifth before adding a single run in the seventh. Toronto, limited to single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth, outhit Texas 6-5 but was only 2-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

Texas only won two of six games against Toronto this season and Yovani Gallardo was on the mound for both. He started strongly Thursday, retiring the first nine Jays he faced before exiting after five innings with a 4-2 lead.

The Rangers' Delino DeShields scores past Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin at Rogers Centre on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rangers manager Jeff Banister, whose Rangers seemed to come into the series with a chip on their shoulder given the attention on the Jays, pointed to his team's resolve in the wake of the win

"We've got a very confident group of guys," he said.

"We know that we're a ball club that's not a perfect ball club, but we've got a group of guys that play extremely well together."

Both teams lost key players during the game, with Jays' MVP candidate Josh Donaldson and right-fielder Jose Bautista and Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre leaving early with injuries.

Toronto said Donaldson, dinged in the head by Odor's knee in breaking up a double play, had cleared the concussion protocol and would be evaluated Friday.

Bautista was diagnosed with a hamstring cramp and is not expected to miss any more action.

An MRI showed a lower back strain for Beltre, with no immediate word on his availability.

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On to the next one

Marcus Stroman will take the mound for the Jays in Friday's critical Game 2 start. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ALDS GAME 2

All eyes turn to Stroman, just how he likes it

Blue Jays pitcher Marcus Stroman isn't much of a fan of the outdoors, and doesn't like bugs and hates spiders.

But put him on a pitching mound in front of millions and he's in his element. Locked and loaded with something to prove.

"As far as sports-wise, I feel like I'm able to keep my emotions in check and use the limelight as kind of a way to get up. I love it, I love it," the 24-year-old right-hander said ahead of Thursday's American League Division Series opener against Texas.

"This is what you dream of. This is when you're a little kid and you're playing in the backyard and you say 'I'm playing in the playoffs.' This is why you play the game. So I couldn't be more excited. I'm not nervous. I'm not slightly nervous.

"I mean I haven't pitched in nine days, so I'm excited to get out there and get on the mound and get going."

Stroman (4-0) will face Rangers ace Cole Hamels (13-8) in Game 2 Friday, the latest chapter in his remarkable comeback from March surgery to repair an anterior cruciate knee ligament ripped up during a routine fielding drill in spring training.

"This is definitely the biggest start of my career, hands down," he said. "But I'm ready for it."

Stroman is a five-foot-eight, 180-pound bundle of energy topped by a mop of multi-coloured hair stuffed into an endless supply of baseball caps.

He has a pitching repertoire of five pitches — he credits the sinker as a key addition — that is fuelled by the chip on his shoulder and the heart he wears on his sleeve.

"I pitch with a lot of hate and anger and emotion in my heart," he acknowledged.

Asked about the hate, he replied: "A lot goes into it. I'm five foot eight. A lot of people doubt me. So that's with me every single pitch out there on the mound."

He says his father, knowing his son "wasn't going to be the biggest guy in the room," told him to play with that chip on his shoulder.

According to manager John Gibbons, Stroman's accelerated comeback was "totally unexpected."

"He told me in spring training after the injury 'I'll see you in September,' and I thought it was a pipe dream," said Gibbons. "But we encouraged him, he went off and did his education (completing his degree at Duke), did his rehab and he just kept moving and moving. And next thing you know he's here."

Stroman says the comeback was arduous.

"I exhausted every opportunity and did everything in my power to get back to this team. I did. And it was not fun. A lot of it was not fun. I made the best situation out of it. I couldn't explain it. I'll never have to go through anything as hard as that in my life."

Stroman, who went 11-6 with a 3.65 ERA as a rookie in 2014, has yet to lose since returning to action in early September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DANGEROUS RANGER

Cole Hamels' no-hitter against the Chicago Cubs on July 25 was his last start before being traded from Philadelphia to Texas.

The left-hander went 13-8 with a 3.65 ERA this season in 20 starts with the Phillies and 12 with the Rangers. In 13 career post-season starts with Philadelphia, Hamels went 7-4 with a 3.09 ERA.

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NHL

Hunwick 'A'-OK with Leafs role

It raised a few eyebrows — over eyes that may not have really been paying attention — when defenceman Matt Hunwick emerged for his first game as a Maple Leaf wearing an 'A' on his sweater.

Alternate captains are not normally outsiders new to the room. They don't usually have a resumé of a 30-year-old NHL journeyman.

But then, this is not like any other Maple Leafs season. And if role models are what the coaching staff is after in its leaders, then the hardworking Hunwick fits the bill.

"I was surprised, for sure," Hunwick said. "Definitely humbled. It's a great honour. And more responsibility. But it's a challenge I like to have. Hopefully I can lead the way I always do, going about my business the right way. (There won't be) a lot of changes because there's a letter on my sweater."

When Mike Babcock promised a clean slate, he meant it. While Hunwick joined Tyler Bozak with an 'A', Joffrey Lupul lost his.

"Mike called me in and talked to me about it," Lupul said. "That's who he selected. I think they're both good. I'm happy for both of them."

Babcock knows well the talents of Friday's opponents, players like Tomas Tatar and Henrik Nyquist of the Detroit Red Wings.

Babcock has liked what he's seen of Hunwick through three weeks of training camp.

"He does it right every day," said Babcock, offering reasons why he made Hunwick an alternate captain. "He looks good to me. On our team, he's been excellent. He moves the puck. He's got a good stick. He's great in the gym. He's a good man.

"He's come to a place with an opportunity to be more important. He's of an age that he's an important player for us."

The Leafs, who signed him to a two-year deal over the summer, are Hunwick's fourth team, with previous stops in Boston and Colorado and with the New York Rangers. He lost his blue line job with the Rangers last year when they traded for Keith Yandle.

"I was the seventh guy for the last half of the year," Hunwick said. "Every day you try to earn an opportunity and earn their trust and their faith and try to get rewarded with ice time."

The Leafs, who lost their home opener, have a chance to earn Babcock's first win behind the Leafs bench against his old team, the Red Wings.

"It would be great for him to get his first win in Detroit," said Hunwick. "Hopefully we can make that happen."

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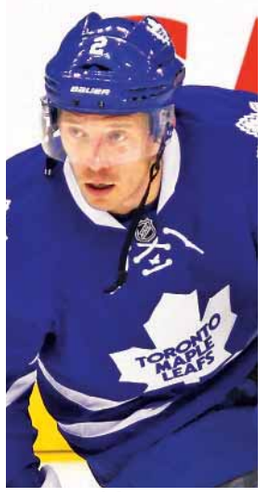

Matt Hunwick
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> **He's a real good partner for Dion (Phaneuf) because he does a ton of skating and he knows how to play.**
> Mike Babcock on defenceman Matt Hunwick

SEASON OPENER SENATORS LEAVE BUFFALO WITH TWO POINTS Ottawa defenceman Mark Borowiecki absorbs a hit from Sabres forward Zemgus Girgensons during Thursday night's season opener in Buffalo. The Sabres got a career-first goal from prized rookie Jack Eichel, but the Senators still prevailed, 3-1, thanks to Kyle Turris' pair and Curtis Lazar's empty-netter. TOM BRENNER/ GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Argos face down hosting home game in Hamilton

The baseball playoffs have forced the Toronto Argonauts to consider relocating yet another home game.

The Argos announced Thursday their Oct. 17 game against the Calgary Stampeders could be moved to Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton due to a potential scheduling conflict.

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Klopp to take over Liverpool

Liverpool hired Juergen Klopp as its new manager Thursday, turning to one of Europe's most respected and charismatic coaches to reverse a slump in the fallen English giant.

Klopp left Borussia Dortmund at the end of last season after guiding the club to two German league titles and a Champions League final.

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Juergen Klopp
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Northern Ireland qualifies for first Euros

Northern Ireland's Gareth McAuley holds a French flag in the air to celebrate after his country qualifying for their first ever Euros, to be held in France in 2016. CHARLES MCQUILLAN/GETTY IMAGES

EURO 2016 QUALIFIERS

While Republic beats Germans to seal at least a playoff spot

Portugal and Northern Ireland booked their places at Euro 2016 on Thursday, while world champion Germany was made to wait after being upset 1-0 by Ireland in Dublin. Steven Davis scored twice for Northern Ireland to qualify for its first European Championship tournament with a 3-1 victory over Greece in Group F.

Here's a roundup of action from Thursday's other key Euro 2016 qualifying games:

Group D

Shane Long's strike earned Ireland at least a playoff place with a famous 1-0 win over Germany. Ireland had never before beaten Germany in a competitive game.

With one game in qualifying remaining, Germany tops Group D on 19 points, one ahead of Poland and Ireland, which meet in Warsaw on Sunday. Poland captain Lewandowski's second goal in injury time ended Scotland's hopes of a playoff with a 2-2 draw.

Because of its superior goal difference, a draw on Sunday would be enough for Poland to qualify directly, while Ireland needs to win to avoid the playoffs. Germany need a draw at home to eliminated Georgia to qualify.

Group I

Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal will be playing at Euro 2016 after beating Denmark 1-0, and Albania could still make it after a tense but violence-free 2-0 defeat against Serbia.

The match in Elbasan, central Albania, was watched over by more than 2,000 police, with extensive security checks and snipers on rooftops. A match last year between the countries was interrupted by violence after a drone carrying a nationalist Albanian banner hovered over the pitch. Portugal ensured the group's top spot thanks to Joao Moutinho's 66th-minute strike in northern Portugal.

Denmark stayed second on 12 points, six behind Portugal, and could still advance, though the Albanians on 11 points have one more game than the Danes left to play.

Group F

With Northern Ireland through Hungary came from behind to beat the Faroe Islands 2-1 in Budapest courtesy of two second-half goals from substitute Daniel Bode.

That win secures at least a third-placed finish for the Hungarians, now on 16 points, one adrift of Romania who drew 1-1 with Finland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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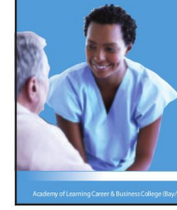
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Ingredients
Marinade
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 large lemon
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1 Tbsp of fresh chopped thyme
- 3 chicken breasts

Salad
- 6 cups sliced mixed greens
- 2 cups small potatoes, halved, boiled and tossed with oil and salt
- 4 soft boiled eggs, cut in half
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup diced green onion
- 1/2 tsp fresh chopped thyme

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the marinade ingredients and whisk. Pour into a large, plastic storage bag. Add chicken to bag, seal and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.

2. Arrange greens on a large serving dish. Place cooked potatoes, eggs, carrot, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and cheese in groups on top of the salad.

3. Prepare grill to medium-high heat. Remove chicken from bag; discard marinade. Place chicken on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 10 minutes or until browned. Turn chicken over; grill 15 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast measures 160. Remove chicken from grill and let stand for 10 minutes. Slice chicken into strips and place on top of salad.

4. Sprinkle the entire salad with green onions and fresh thyme. Add your favourite salad dressing ingr or plate and allow each person to dress their salad individually.

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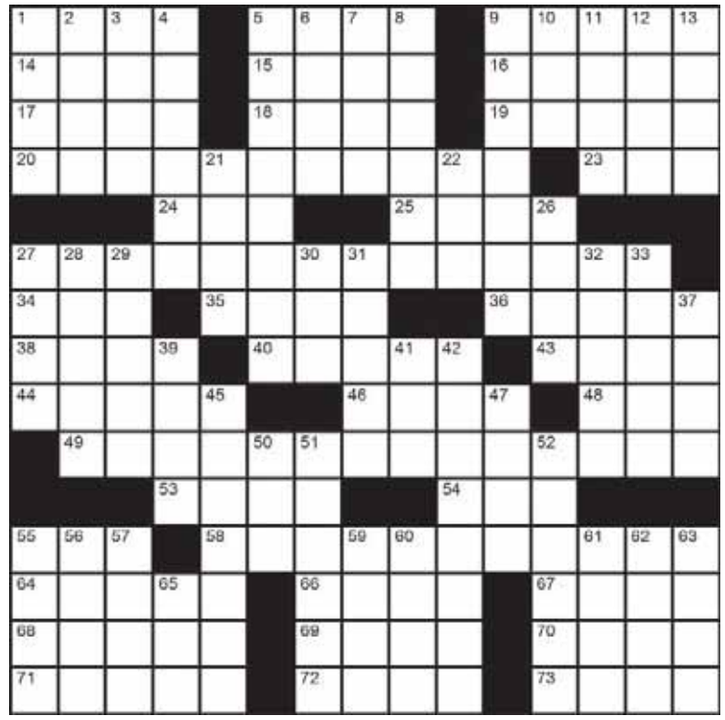

ACROSS
1. Urban cloudiness
5. 'B' to Homer
9. Shakespeare's sphere
14. Get well
15. "...hear _ __ drop."
16. Roof rim things
17. -rust primer (Metal painter's purchase)
18. Mr. Rhames
19. Horse's hello
20. Removable paper covers on books: 2 wds.
23. Jour: English
24. Subway section
25. _-back (Relaxed)
27. New movie "The Walk" (2015) is the true story of Philippe Petit, a __-__ __
34. Card game
35. "Je ne __ quoi."
36. Long for
38. Bygone Ford cars
40. Attentive type
43. Axer's aim
44. RCAF's motto back when it was established in 1924... Per __ Ad Astra (Through adversity to the stars)
46. "Hot cross buns! __ _ penny, two..."
48. Three -lettered bug
49. __-__ __ (Players of music at #58-Across)
53. Approximately: 2 wds.
54. Wuthering Heights author ...her initials-sharers
55. Sea diving bird
58. Ontario: Kitchener-Waterloo event from October 9th to October 17th, 2015
64. Piece of postage
66. Daily TV doctor
67. Smart
68. Backyard spot
69. At __ (Immediately)
70. Sole's locale
71. Moults
72. Steel-__ boots
73. Shirts

DOWN
1. Herring-like fish
2. 'Entrees' lister
3. Feedbag bits
4. Techie problem
5. 'Canada's Greatest __ Festival' (How #58-Across is dubbed)
6. Grand over in fireplaces
7. "Peter Pan" (1953) fairy, for short
8. Actress Ms. Bassett
9. Compactness
10. Canadian songwriter/author, __ Spoon
11. Enthusiastic
12. Really big
13. Like the stuff left-
21. Shark movie
22. Driveway's topping
26. Atkins, for one
27. _-hoop
28. Short start?
29. "Pretty Bad Boy" is by which Canadian band?
30. Carmen Miranda movie, "That Night in __" (1941)
31. Bar, legally
32. Kitchen roll, with Wrap
33. Movement
37. Profits
39. Form of |wrestling
41. Bambi's aunt
42. Fixed part of the boot
45. Well-timed/suitable
47. Short-ened word
50. Have this ? in your wonderment
51. Item sitting on the stove's turned-on burner: 2 wds.
52. Equally quick: 2 wds.
55. Venomous dangers of the Nile
56. Beehive State
57. Reality star Ms. Gosselin
59. "I'm sorry to hear that.": 2 wds.
60. "American Idol" runner-up Bo
61. Reverberate
62. Go a -purchasing
63. Caddie's stash
65. Halfway

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
One day soon you will look back and laugh at the things you allowed yourself to get worked up about. That day will come sooner if you refuse to give in to the emotional side of your nature.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Seize the moment and make things happen. With Mars moving through the most dynamic area of your chart there is plenty of time to do something remarkable.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
What you have to do and what you want to do are two different things. The good news is that your powers of persuasion will soon be back to help you out.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
What have you done to turn certain people against you? It may have something to do with your tendency to tell the truth when they don't want to hear it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Mercury, planet of the mind, moves out of its retrograde phase today, which among other things will make it easier for you to guess what people are thinking.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may feel that time is running out, that if you don't make your move soon you will miss out, but that isn't true. You have plenty of time to make your mark and what you do today and over the weekend will bring some sort of recognition.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Things that did not add up a while ago now make perfect sense and no doubt you will kick yourself mentally for making it so complicated when it did not need to be. No matter.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't cover up for a friend if they have done something wrong because it will reflect badly on you in the long-term. They should be big enough to stand up and admit they made a mistake.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do something dramatic today, something that impresses those in positions of power. The only thing that seems to be holding you back is that you are not sure you want to be the centre of attention. Since when have you been so modest!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets warn that certain people will try to bully you into abandoning opinions you genuinely believe in. Don't let it happen. It does not matter if the whole world seems to disagree with you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Nothing truly happens by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today and over the weekend you will find it easier to deal with events.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your needs and desires have not often been satisfied in recent weeks but over the next few days, leading up to the new moon on the 13th, you will make up for lost time. The sacrifices you have made will be worth it in the long-term.

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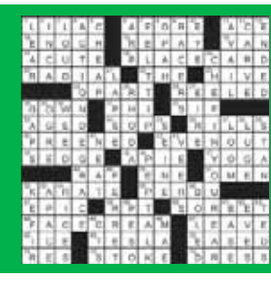

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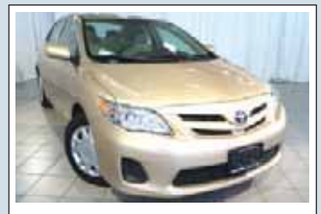

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$150 84 MONTHS	$20,995 STK# 5C01419A

2010 MATRIX

BI-WEEKLY	ALL IN PRICE
$148 60 MONTHS	$14,995 STK# 3458

2011 CAMRY HYBRID

BI-WEEKLY	ALL IN PRICE
$169 72 MONTHS	$16,987 STK# 5CA2461L

2010 COROLLA CE

BI-WEEKLY	ALL IN PRICE
$134 60 MONTHS	$13,495 STK# 3447

2013 RAV 4 AWD

BI-WEEKLY	ALL IN PRICE
$163 84 MONTHS	$21,995 STK# #3443

*1*1.9% available on TCUV Corolla and Matrix, 24 month term, OAC. All bi weekly payments are at 4.99% interest and are all OAC. All in price is plus HST only. 1Down payment, terms and interest rates will vary. OAC. Vehicles may not be exactly as shown. All vehicles were available at time of print. Prices and payments are plus tax. All dealer rebates, discounts, factory incentives, prices, and interest rates are subject to change or end without notice as new retail incentive programs are announced. Offers expires October 31st 2015. Cost of credit example: $20,000 x 72 months @4.99% = $365/mnt, cost of borrowing $3680.